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An article appeared in the Washington Evening Star on July 1, 1946, which stated that James R. Newman, Chief of the Science Division of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, and Dr. Franz Rosenthal, State Department Research Analyst, were among twelve recipients of fellowships announced on that date by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in recognition of their war effort in the Armed Forces or civilian agencies. The article stated that the award enabled them to study the "social, economic and political implications of measures for the development and control of atomic energy."

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Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY
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Dear Sir:

HERBERT SIMON MARKS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent DAVID E. TODD dated September 3, 1946 at San Francisco on the above captioned matter. This report contains information to the effect that HERBERT MARKS had planned to write a monograph dealing with the State Department Atomic Energy Report.

Please be advised that the August 17, 1945 issue of the "New Yorker" magazine on page 45 contains an article entitled, "Seven Men on a Problem" written by DANIEL LANG, based on an interview with HERBERT S. MARKS. In general, this article tells how J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER instructed a State Department Board of Consultants in Atomic Physics and the development of the atomic bomb and explained how this board arrived at an agreement and wrote the LILIENTHAL-ACHESON report on Atomic Energy. The conclusions of the LILIENTHAL-ACHESON report are summarized briefly in the article. The members of the State Board of Consultants are identified as being CHESTER BERNARD, of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, HARRY WILSON of the General Electric Corporation, CHARLES THOMAS of the Monsanto Chemical Company, DAVID LILIENTHAL of the Tennessee Valley Authority, J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, former Director of the Los Alamos Project, HAROLD WILSON, Secretary of the Board and HERBERT S. MARKS Assistant to DEAN ACHESON of the State Department.

MARKS, during the interview as set forth in the article, reported by trips to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Los Alamos, New Mexico for purposes of inspecting the Manhattan Projects there and visit members of the Board. MARKS mentions that at Los Alamos he visited the vault where the "end product" of "nuclear fission" was stored, that he saw there the receptacles where it was kept, that the receptacles were small and that the thought occurred to him that were it not for the troops guarding the vault he could walk out with one of the receptacles in his pocket.

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Very truly yours,

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: October 9, 1946

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: ROBERT T. MILLER
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Section for its information.

Unless there is some reason, unknown to the Liaison Section, why the information should be supplied, the request should be declined, and Mr. Roach be permitted to inform the State Department that all available information has previously been furnished to the State Department and that there is nothing additional to supply at this time. The Liaison Section should be informed as to what reply should be given to the State Department.

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MR. LADD

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in the attached memorandum that this request should be declined. However, I
am of the opinion in connection with this, that we should reply to the
Secretary of State under Personal and Confidential cover and refer him to the
Gregory memorandum which was submitted to the State Department, to Fred Lyon
and Mr. Braden on March 12, 1946, and specifically to the portion beginning on
Page 120, which sets forth in detail all of the allegations against Robert
Miller as made by Gregory and as reflected through subsequent investigation.

[REDACTED] *Refer*
[REDACTED]
When the memorandum is received from the State Department inquiring
as to the participation of Hiss, Duran and others in the Amerasia case, I be-
lieve we should reply by referring the State Department to the detailed memoranda
on Hiss and Duran which have previously been submitted to the State Department
and, also, that we should refer to the summary memorandum which was transmitted
to General Holmes, to Fred Lyon's attention, on May 29, 1945, in connection with
the Philip Jaffe or Amerasia case.

[REDACTED] *b1*
[REDACTED] In the memorandum entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United
States," in memoranda on the Gregory case and in other memoranda. *7/8 U*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: 10/17/46

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: STATE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN
THE UNITED STATES AND RELATED MATTERS
ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER, III

Reference is made to the writer's memorandum to you of yesterday
concerning Mr. Roach's discussion with [REDACTED]

Related to this particular inquiry the Bureau received a like
request for additional information on Robert T. Miller, III. Pursuant to
instructions Mr. Roach discussed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Roach mentioned to
Mr. Lyon that should a reply be made to the State Department on the Miller
matter it would be directed to Secretary Byrnes pointing out to him that
complete data on Miller has been supplied in an extensive memorandum given
to the Secretary on February 25.

It is therefore suggested that the proposed letter to Secretary
Byrnes concerning the Miller matter be forwarded.

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Connecticut. Apartment formerly occupied by OLGA PRAVDINA no longer being paid for by Tass Agency, having been rented to another tenant. ~~MR. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN~~ continues to contact prominent Communists in NYC.

[REDACTED] Information received that TED SAUMGOLD temporarily in NYC and believed to have returned to Belgium for 12 month period. (S)(*) w b1

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 65-56402.
Report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos, New York, 9/12/46.

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RE: CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE covering the period from September 1 to October 10, 1946:

On September 7, 1946, Confidential Informant [REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that FRANK WHITE, Chairman of the People's Institute of Applied Religion in the New York area told BELFRAGE he made arrangements for him to see LEVERETT GLEASON at his office which is on the 6th floor at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, on the following Monday afternoon. *(u)* *b2 b7D*

WHITE further advised BELFRAGE that he hadn't been able to contact CARTEL THORNER regarding the meeting for the following Monday evening. He indicated that THORNER has a new job with the Melrose Community House in the Bronx, New York. *(u)*

On September 8, 1946, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that BELFRAGE spoke to VERA and SAM RUBIN (ph) and was told that he had probably been nominated to the publicity committee on the United Nations Welcoming Committee. CEDRIC stated that he heard nothing regarding JULIAN MOSS but that he knows someone else who may be interested in putting money into a progressive newspaper in that section. He advised that LEVERETT GLEASON probably would be interested and that he would see him within a few days. *(u)* *b2 b7D*

SAM RUBIN stated that JULIAN MOSS is weak and frightened now that certain reactions have set in and that MOSS broke his last appointment with them. BELFRAGE stated that MOSS might be afraid of his and RUBIN's reputation which is on the pink side. BELFRAGE and RUBIN agreed that they should go ahead with their plans regarding a progressive paper. *(u)*

The files of the New York Field Division reveal that SAM RUBIN, Mt. AIRY ROAD, Croton on Hudson, New York, had been in direct contact with ALEXANDER WITTELMAN which information is incorporated in the file entitled "Comintern Apparatus, Internal Security - R".

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These files further reflected that LEVERETT S. GLEASON published "Inside Russia" and "The Truth About The Red Army". These files reported that GLEASON financed the "Reader's Scope" magazine and is known to be in frequent contact with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and ALBERT KAHN, who are well known Communists in the New York area. GLEASON is a member of the Executive Board of the Joint Anti Fascist Refugee Committee; he is the publisher of "Salute" and "The New Castle News" and he resides at Chappaqua, New York. These files further reflect that GLEASON is the subject of a key figure investigation in the New York Field Division.

On September 8, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that an unknown woman named BEA told BELFRAGE that she and others are promoting a new organization entitled "People's Action Service" which is being formed to furnish progressive speakers. She mentioned ALBERT KAHN, J. EDGAR ALLEN, JOHN STEWART of New Masses and there are many others who are interested in the new organization. This informant stated that BEA was interested in obtaining some financial assistance and BELFRAGE suggested that she contact SAM RUBIN who is a very progressive individual and has helped many new progressive organizations. *(X) u* *b2 b7*

On September 17, 1946, this informant further advised that BELFRAGE contacted DR. ALPHONSE HENNINGBERG who was previously reported as the secretary in the Department of Welfare of New York City and they spoke about the new organization called the "One World Book Club." BELFRAGE told HENNINGBERG that letters have been mailed to him from the "People's Institute of Applied Religion" and HENNINGBERG was invited to BELFRAGE's home on September 23, 1946, for dinner. *(X) u*

Regarding individuals who have been in contact with BELFRAGE the Bureau advised that the War Department has no record in the files of the Adjutant General's Office concerning A. J. ARONSON, ASN 0-1267139. *(X) u* *Refin*

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As a result of a mail cover placed on BELFRAGE at Croton on Hudson New York, it is noted that BELFRAGE received mail from the following individuals during the pertinent period: *(d) u*

Detroit Council of Applied Religion, 5461 Brush Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

M. J. WYNNIE, 333 West 18th Street, New York City.

E. FORMAN, Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont.

People's Institute of Applied Religion 4105 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Avenue,
South Birmingham, Alabama. *(d) u*

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ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
(URSULA WASSERMAN)

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The following investigation of the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and URSULA WASSERMAN, covering the period from September 7 to October 10, 1946, is reported by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that BROTHMAN is presently in the process of moving his offices from 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, to the CHATHAM-PHOENIX BUILDING, 2928 41st Avenue, Long Island City, telephone Ironsides 6-5451. (u) b2 b7D

In connection with BROTHMAN moving his offices, the aforementioned informant advised that JULES KORCHIEN, an associate of BROTHMAN, will continue to occupy the premises at 114 East 32nd Street. Informant also advised that KORCHIEN discussed his partnership relationship between BROTHMAN and himself with an unknown individual on October 2, 1946, and KORCHIEN made the statement that he drew no salary from the firm of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES; that he had to get his own work, and if the work was large enough BROTHMAN and the other members of the association would work with him, and for the present time KORCHIEN is to continue this relationship with BROTHMAN but retain a separate office at the original address of the firm. (u) (u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that BROTHMAN continues to be in close touch with Russians who are members of AMTORG in New York City, and that on September 13, 1946, BROTHMAN was in contact with one Mr. KADIONOVICH who advised BROTHMAN that he was going back to Moscow and that his place was going to be taken by a Mr. MAIOROV. KADIONOVICH stated that when he went to Moscow in October he would take up the questions that ABRAHAM had requested him to, and that he would send over the things that ABE had asked him to, but he had not received any answers from Moscow and planned to take it up in Moscow. (u) (u) b2 b7D

On September 19, 1946, the same informant advised that MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, Secretary to BROTHMAN, was in touch with the DU PONT COMPANY in New York City, and wanted to know if the DU PONT COMPANY could supply one hundred and twelve thousand pounds a month of "Regular acrylic monomer" (phonetic) and copalama (phonetic). The DU PONT people were very inquisitive as to what the material would be used for and MOSKOWITZ consulted an unknown person and stated that it would be used for mouldings. The DU PONT man then asked if it would be exported and she replied in the negative. The DU PONT people did not give any definite answer on the proposition. MOSKOWITZ then attempted to contact Mr. KADIONOVICH (phonetic) of AMTORG but she was unsuccessful. (u) (u) b2 b7D

The same informant advised that BROTHMAN and KORCHIEN spent a week in Peekskill, New York, at BROTHMAN'S summer place which is located at Oak Lane and Furnace Dock Row, and they were believed to have returned. (u) (u) b2 b7D

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to New York City on September 27th or 28, 1946. (X)(u)

On September 23, 1946, BROTHMAN was in contact with an individual known only as ELKIN, at which time ELKIN attempted to induce BROTHMAN to allow him to use his offices for purposes of impressing his client and BROTHMAN agreed to do this. It appeared that ELKIN is interested in the manufacture of textiles and BROTHMAN stated he was presently working on a big job for China. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] has also advised BROTHMAN attempted Madison Square Garden on September 12, 1946, at which time HENRY WALLACE made his speech regarding the foreign policy of the United States. The same informant advised that BROTHMAN had a lengthy discussion with OSCAR VAGO, one of his associates, at which time they discussed WALLACE'S speech, and BROTHMAN made the statement that he never saw anybody make such a big fool of himself than WALLACE did at the meeting. VAGO stated that it was the demise of a liberal who had been thoroughly deflated. BROTHMAN then had great praise for Senator CLAUDE PEPPER. (X)(u) b2 b7D

In connection with WALLACE'S speech the informant advised that on September 20, 1946, MIRIAM MOSCOWITZ, BROTHMAN'S secretary, sent a telegram to President TRUMAN criticizing the ouster of WALLACE, and another telegram to WALLACE urging him to head a third party ticket. Both of these telegrams were signed by BROTHMAN. (X)(u)

URSULA WASSERMAN

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LAUCHLIN CURRIE

GEORGE MARKOS, superintendent at 61 East 86th Street, the residence of LAUCHLIN CURRIE and family, advised that CURRIE signed a new lease for one year from October 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947. He advised that CURRIE, his wife, two children, and maid continued to occupy their same apartment at the address.

It was ascertained at 19 Rector Street that the International Development Company had moved its offices; that they had moved to 487 Park Avenue, New York City.

A check at 487 Park Avenue disclosed that the World-Wide Developing Corporation had rented the entire upper floors of this building. The building is presently under alteration and only one floor is tenanted, and this floor is occupied by LAUCHLIN CURRIE and his other associates of the International Development Company, formerly located at 19 Rector Street.

The phone number listed for the World-Wide Developing Corporation is ELdorado 5-7689.

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Re: GREGORY

MRS. RAY ELSON
161 West 16th Street
New York, New York

Instant investigation is reported by Special Agent LOUIS MORRIS BEST:

On September 19, 1946, GREGORY advised she had a luncheon date with ELSON during which time ELSON told her that she had returned to the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES as office manager working 35 hours a week at the sum of \$50.00. GREGORY stated that ELSON said she had not seen any of her old contacts, implying that she had reference to her Russian contacts. ELSON did say, however, that she was reactivating herself in the COMMUNIST PARTY and encouraged GREGORY to re-join with her. ELSON said that she had contacted one of her old cell mates in the Party and expressed her desire to return.

The thing that impressed GREGORY about ELSON was her general frame of mind. ELSON appeared to be greatly relieved, taking the initiative and appeared to be unusually friendly. It may be recalled that at the time that the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties was under investigation last spring, ELSON expressed fear of being investigated. She informed GREGORY at this luncheon that she felt the "pressure was off" and that she was not going to be questioned. ELSON had told GREGORY on May 24, 1946, that she was greatly concerned over the possibilities of an FBI investigation. This thought of an investigation arose when she contemplated applying for a position with the United Nations Organization.

In a personal interview Confidential Informant GREGORY advised Special Agents JOSEPH M. KELLY and FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN on September 23, 1946, as previously reported, that ELSON would return to the CP. GREGORY felt quite confident in stating that if ELSON were to be contacted by "JACK" or "BILL" that she would notify her of such a situation. GREGORY

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pointed out, however, that if such a situation would arise she doubted very much if ELSON would do anything about it. GREGORY pointed out that since the return of her husband, JOE ELSON from the United States Army, RAY ELSON has left little doubt regarding the course she would pursue, GREGORY stating that she does not believe RAY ELSON has ever told her husband about her alleged espionage activity and for that reason would not start again now that he is home.

On September 17, 1946, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that JOE ELSON sent a telegram to PAUL ISRAELSON, 2524 West Division Street, Chicago, Illinois, advising that Mrs. ISRAELSON would arrive on September 18, 1946, at Chicago on the Manhattan Limited. Mrs. ISRAELSON, mother of JOE ELSON, arrived in New York from Chicago to visit the ELSONS. A surveillance disclosed that JOE and RAY ELSON accompanied Mrs. ISRAELSON to Pennsylvania Station, New York City, on September 17, 1946. Mrs. ISRAELSON departed on the Manhattan Limited at 7:45 P.M., travelling in Coach #2345. Informant [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. ISRAELSON was scheduled to arrive in New York City on September 14, 1946. (X)(u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that on September 18, 1946, Confidential Informant GREGORY contacted RAY ELSON at the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, 205 East 42nd Street, and inquired of ELSON as to whether she would be present at the 25th wedding anniversary of Mrs. RAINES (phonetic) at the RAINES' home, 138-50 60th Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, on September 22, 1946. ELSON informed GREGORY that she did not believe she could be present on the occasion because she and her husband, JOE ELSON, would be celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary themselves. Mrs. RAINES evidently is employed at the UNITED STATES SHIPPING & SERVICE and was acquainted with RAY ELSON through that medium. (X)(u) b2 b7D

On September 23, 1946, an unidentified woman contacted RAY ELSON, according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] and advised that W. AVERRILL HARRIMAN had been appointed Secretary of Commerce. (X)(u) b2 b7D

On September 24, 1946, an unidentified woman, according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] contacted RAY ELSON and advised that her sister had arrived from Los Angeles, California, and had in her possession (X)(u) b2 b7D

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a package which RAY ELSON's mother had forwarded. This informant advised that the party who brought the package had contacted RAY ELSON previously. The caller furnished RAY ELSON with her telephone number. The telephone number sounded as if it were Winterside 5-2069. It is pointed out that there is no exchange in Greater New York City known as Winterside. The exchange and telephone number is in all probability RIVERSIDE 9-2069 (u) b2 b7D

On September 25, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BILLIE HARDY is presently in California and can be reached in care of the Stanford University. It will be recalled that BILLIE HARDY is a close personal friend of the ELSONS (u) b2 b7D

On September 28, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the ELSONS planned to be in Rockaway on the following day (u) b2 b7D

On October 5, 1946, according to Informant [redacted] RAY ELSON contacted a girl, whose first name is MIRIAM, and informed MIRIAM that she must get in touch with certain persons as this is pre-registration mobilization week. She asked MIRIAM if she would assist her and requested that MIRIAM contact RUTH CASH (phonetic), NORMA CARR (phonetic), and the POLLACKS (phonetic). The POLLACKS she said reside at 40 East 8th Street. Their first names are ALMA and JACK. RAY ELSON advised MIRIAM that the POLLACKS live in the area of MIRIAM's neighborhood. MIRIAM agreed to contact the POLLACKS but declined, on account of being rushed, contacting RUTH CASH and NORMA CARR. (u) b2 b7D

Later on the same day Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that a person known as MIRIAM contacted RAY ELSON and stated that she had been unable to contact the POLLACKS at 48 East 8th Street; that this address is a business place occupied by the UNIVERSAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT COMPANY and it was closed at the time she called. It is not known who this person MIRIAM is but the possibility exists that it is MIRIAM BEHRSTOCK. She lives at 21 University Place and this address is within close proximity to 48 East 8th Street. MIRIAM BEHRSTOCK on March 21, 1946, contacted RAY ELSON, according to Informant [redacted], and informed ELSON that she wanted her "to fill out that little card." (u) b2 b7D

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On October 5, 1946, according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED], RAY ELSON contacted HORACE (phonetic) MOULTON and stated that she was making the contact at the request of NORMAN TALENTYER (phonetic), Chairman of Club 6. ELSON requested MOULTON to attend the meeting of the club which is on 6th Avenue at 10:00 A.M. on October 6, 1946. MOULTON then inquired if it were the ALP and to this ELSON replied "no". Then MOULTON said "on 6th Avenue, I know." The club is probably the Greenwich Village Club of the CP which is located at 430 6th Avenue, New York City. RAY ELSON is a member of the Greenwich Village Club. During the time that MOULTON and ELSON were in contact with one another, MOULTON informed ELSON that he had a sister by the name of DIANA. It appeared that ELSON was not personally acquainted with HORACE (phonetic) MOULTON. (S) & (u) b2 b7D

On the same day RAY ELSON attempted to contact one JOHN KOTUC (phonetic). She was informed that this party was not in the city. (u) b2 b7D

On October 8, 1946, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that RAY ELSON had contacted the ALP at 166 Townsend Street and wanted to know if she could do any clerical work for them. They advised in the negative but suggested that she call the headquarters of VITO MARCANTONIO. (u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] also reported that RAY ELSON has been in contact with LENA and FRANK DUTTO and SYLVIA HALPERN, all personal friends. (u) b2 b7D

The mail cover in effect on RAY and JOE ELSON of 161 West 16th Street, reflects a communication from the CHASE NATIONAL BANK, Wall Street Post Office Station, a communication from IRVING ROTHSTEIN, c/o the Art Student League, New York, 215 West 57th Street, and a communication from the Veterans Administration of 252 7th Avenue, New York. (u) b2 b7D

The report of Special Agent HAROLD V. KENNEDY dated at New York on December 21, 1945, reflects that Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported a person, known only as FANNIE, contacted RAY ELSON. A portion of this conversation indicated that FANNIE had seen "JACK" and that "JACK" would like to see you (RAY) some Sunday. It was believed at the time that "JACK" might be identical with unknown "JACK" who at one time was a contact of RAY ELSON and Confidential Informant GREGORY. (u) b2 b7D

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The report of Special Agent JOHN T. HILSBOS dated at New York on June 14, 1946, on page 43 reflects that the identity of "JACK", subject of the conversation between FANNIE and ELSON, is undoubtedly JACK GOLDMAN. This presumption is based on information reported by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] JACK GOLDMAN, it will be recalled, is being investigated. b2 b7D

Investigation re FANNIE GARELICH indicates that she is undoubtedly the FANNIE that called RAY ELSON informing that "JACK would like to see you (RAY) some Sunday." This surmise is based on the investigation and the other portion of the conversation reported by Confidential Informant [REDACTED]. It will be recalled that RAY ELSON inquired of the caller, FANNIE, as to JERRY (phonetic) and if he were living with her. To this inquiry FANNIE replied in the affirmative and added that LILLIE (phonetic) or BILLIE (phonetic) lived with her to. It will be recalled that the investigation concerning FANNIE GARELICH has disclosed that she resides in Apartment 5-G, 120 West 105th Street with her alleged husband, JEROME REICH, and a girl named LILLIAN KATZ LIFSHITZ. The JERRY (phonetic) and the LILLIE (phonetic) or BILLIE (phonetic) used in the conversation between RAY and FANNIE is in all probability a combination of the names JEROME and LILLIAN. b2 b7D

BELLA DOREN
212 West 72nd Street
New York, New York

The report of Special Agent EDWARD W. DOOLEY dated at New York on March 22, 1946, reflects that a person believed to be Mrs. BELLA DOREN, 212 West 72nd Street, was in contact with RAY ELSON on January 30, 1946. b2 b7D

The Cross Telephone Directory for Manhattan reflects a BELLA DOREN at this address with telephone number TRafalgar 7-6310. A highly confidential source of information has advised that the address book of RAY ELSON contained the name BELLA with telephone number TRafalgar 7-6310.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that BELLA DOREN furnished the IMMIGRANTS INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK as a reference. b2 b7D

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At the IMMIGRANTS INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK, Mr. EDWARD HABIG informed that no account had ever been opened under the name of BELLA DOREN; that she was not known to the real estate department nor is she a past or present employee of the bank.

The mail box for DOREN at 212 West 72nd Street, reflects the names of DOREN, CRAIG, ROSS and GOLDSTEIN.

Selective Service Board #24, which covers 212 West 72nd Street, does not contain information re any of the foregoing individuals.

The Cross Telephone Directory for Manhattan reflects that a MIRIAM CRAIG at 212 West 72nd Street has her phone number listed as Trafalgar 7-6310, which is the same one listed for BELLA DOREN. MIRIAM CRAIG has had this phone since January, 1946, and DOREN since December, 1945. There is no telephone listed in the Cross Directory for a GOLDSTEIN or a ROSS at 212 West 72nd Street.

The Registry for Voters reflects that a BELLA GOLDSTEIN registered as a voter from 212 West 72nd Street in 1945. There is no registration for BELLA DOREN of this address.

Information secured at the Board of Elections by C. E. POLLOCK, Special Employee Investigator, reflected that BELLA GOLDSTEIN voted in the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY and furnished information that she was 33 years of age; that she was married and that she had lived in New York County and New York State for 33 years. She was born in the United States and her occupation is that of a secretary. The possibility exists that BELLA DOREN and BELLA GOLDSTEIN are identical.

At 264 West 72nd Street, Mr. EARLE of the Real Estate Firm of EARLE & CALHOUN, advised that the property at 212 West 72nd Street was operated by the CHILD'S RESTAURANT when BELLA DOREN moved into Apartment #4. The previous tenant of Apartment #4 was stated to be one HARRIET MOORE.

At the CHILD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY, 200 5th Avenue, Mr. W. L. HUBBARD, advised that CHILD'S had leased the property at 212 West 72nd Street for a considerable period of time prior to March, 1944. He further advised that a HARRIET MOORE had occupied the apartment from August,

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1940. Mr. HUBBARD stated that HARRIET MOORE on March 9, 1944, requested permission to sublease the apartment to BELA DOREN. Mr. HUBBARD stated that the question of sublease was not further discussed with HARRIET MOORE inasmuch as the property was being turned back to the real estate firm of EARLE & CALHOUN.

Information in possession of the CHILD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY reflected that HARRIET MOORE had furnished the following references:

1. The American Russian Institution
56 West 45th Street, where she was employed.
2. WILLIAM OLDFIELD, JR.
18 West 12th Street
New York City
3. The Amalgamated Bank
New York City
4. WILLIAM REGAN
60 East 96th Street
New York City
5. WILLIAM POLLAK
150 West 30th Street
New York City
(POLLAK was indicated to be a former landlord)

Special Agent JOSEPH I. HART advised that information in possession of the CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY reflects that BELLA GOLDSTEIN had resided at 212 West 72nd Street since March 10, 1944; that her account is still active but there was no previous addresses reflected in the file.

At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York Special Employee Investigator WADE FULLER checked the records and advised there is no credit record concerning BELLA DOREN or BELLA GOLDSTEIN.

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With reference to ~~MIRIAM~~ ~~CRAIG~~ the indices of the New York Field Division are negative. The indices reflect that one BELLA DORAN of New York City was a delegate to the UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO Convention held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of February 18, 1946. Her address is given as Room 231, 1860 Broadway, New York City. This address is the office staff of the UOPWA.

The investigation with reference to BELLA DOREN was conducted by Special Agent LOUIS MORRIS BEST unless otherwise credited. The period of this investigation is September 9, 10, and 12, 1946.

FANNIE DAVIS
35 Hancock Place
New York, New York

It has been previously reported that FANNIE DAVIS is an acquaintance of RAY ELSON. Investigation pertaining to the above was conducted by Special Agent LOUIS MORRIS BEST on September 6, 10, 11, 30, and October 1, 1946.

Mr. GELL at the SOLOMON SIGAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY, 872 Columbus Avenue, which company owns and operates 35 Hancock Place, telephonically advised that he had interviewed a tenant of Apartment 2-W where the DAVISES lived and had ascertained that W. F. DAVIS was not related. The information obtained from Mr. GELL does not appear to be correct inasmuch as

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It will be recalled that the investigation at 35 Hancock Place reflects that a person by the name of F. DAVIS resides in Apartment 2-W.

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Inquiry at the RONSON ART METAL WORKS, 347 5th Avenue, New York City, disclosed that all personnel records are maintained at the company's office, Aronson Square, Newark, New Jersey. *b6 per S.S.*

FANNIE GARELICH
120 West 105th Street
New York, New York

Investigation relative to GARELICH, who according to previous reports is an acquaintance of RAY ELSON, was conducted by Special Agent LOUIS MORRIS BEST and the period is September 6, 30, and October 8, 1946.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that FANNIE GARELICH on October 1, 1942, was an employee of the HAMPDEN SALES COMPANY, 251 5th Avenue, New York City. Information on this organization has been set out in the prior report.

~~X~~ Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that a person by the name of FANNIE GARELICH or FANNIE REICH is not listed in any of their reports as an officer or an employee. Their report dated August 29, 1946, reflects that the HAMPDEN SALES ASSOCIATION, INC., employs twenty persons. The names of these persons are not listed. *b2 b7D*

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On September 6, 1946, an attempt was made to surveil GARELICH to her place of employment. However, this attempt was abandoned at 9:30 A.M. as GARELICH was not observed to leave the apartment and as JOSEPH MAYER, the superintendent, advised that she was probably away inasmuch as he had not observed her or JEROME REICH over the week-end.

NOEL T. WITZ
22 East 22nd Street
New York, New York


The report of Special Agent JOHN T. HILSBOS dated at New York on June 15, 1946, reflects the following names, address and telephone numbers:

NOEL
22 East 22nd St.
GR 5-7392
BA 7-0440

NOEL WITZ
ASN 32906519
Tel. Monument 2-3458

The above, according to a highly confidential source of information, was obtained from the address book of RAY ELSON.

The investigation regarding WITZ was conducted by Special Agent LOUIS MORRIS BEST on October 4 and 8, 1946. The investigation reflects that NOEL, 22 East 22nd Street and NOEL WITZ, ASN 32906519, are the same person.

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Mrs. NOEL T. ~~WITZ~~ of 22 East 22nd Street, with telephone number Gramercy 5-7392. *b6 per S.S.*

A report of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York dated December 2, 1941, does not reflect any derogatory information. The report indicates, at the time it was written, that WITZ was in the employ of DAVIS & CATTERALL and that formerly in February, 1939, to the time he joined DAVIS & CATTERALL, he had been with the firm of MITCHELL BROTHERS, 148 Madison Avenue, and prior to that, for a period of two years, with I. SCHNEIERSON & SONS, INC., 1350 Broadway. His addresses prior to residence at 456 Riverside Drive, New York City, were listed as follows:

210 West 78th St., New York City
33-51 73rd St., Jackson Heights, L.I.
41-71 Denman St., Elmhurst, L.I.
845 West End Avenue, New York City
316 West 78th St., New York City

The report reflects that he and his wife have a joint check master account with the NATIONAL SAFETY BANK at 36th Street and Broadway. WITZ's mother-in-law, Mrs. STANDAR, was residing at 626 West 64th Street. The credit record was obtained by Special Employee Investigator WADE FULLER.

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The indices of the New York Field Division were negative with reference to NOEL T. WITZ and his wife, FRANCES STANDAR WITZ.

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RE: MICHAEL ENDELMAN

The following information is reported by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE and covers the period of September 4 and 10 through 13, 1946:

LEO BOUDREAU, Superintendent of the building at 49 West 83rd Street, New York City, advised that MICHAEL ENDELMAN, who is presently using the name of MICHAEL DELMAN, continues to reside at this address. He stated that ENDELMAN does not appear to work at any particular job and he is seen frequently during the day and night in his apartment or in the vicinity of the building. He advised that ENDELMAN is a highly educated man and inasmuch as he speaks five of six languages, it is possible that he is employed as a translator.

On September 11, 1946, Special Agents JOHN HENRY DOYLE and H. COURTENAY CLINCH conducted a surveillance at 49 West 83rd Street, New York City from 8:00 A.M. to 6 P.M. but during that time ENDELMAN was not observed leaving this address.

On September 12, 1946, the foregoing agents conducted a surveillance at this address from 7:10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and at 3:50 P.M. ENDELMAN was observed entering an automobile with 1946 New York license plate # 5MD 550. This automobile was surveilled to a local post office at 83rd Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, where ENDELMAN was observed entering the post office. At 4:10 P.M. the subject left the post office and after shopping in the vicinity for groceries, he returned to his residence at 49 West 83rd Street, New York City.

The Motor Vehicle Bureau in New York City advised that the owner of automobile containing 1946 license plate # 5MD 550 is FREDERICK LEHMANN, 801 West 181st Street, New York City. The files of the New York Field Division fail to reveal any information regarding FREDERICK LEHMANN.

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On September 13, 1946, the aforementioned agents conducted a surveillance at 49 West 83rd Street, New York City from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. but during that time ENDELMAN was not observed.

As a result of a mail cover placed on MICHAEL ENDELMAN at 49 West 83rd Street, New York City it is noted that he continues to receive mail containing the following return address: *du*

Information has previously been reported regarding these individuals. *du*

1. ~~A~~ ENDELMAN, 416 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California.
 2. ING. B. ~~S~~AWICZ, Insurgentes, 254-603, Mexico D.F.
 3. GERSON C. ~~Y~~OUNG, 55 Liberty Street, New York City.
 4. SACHS ~~J~~ACQUES, 318 Adelaide Drive, Santa Monica, California.
 5. LOUIS E. ~~S~~PIEGLER, Southern Building, Washington, D.C.
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Information has also been received that ENDELMAN received mail from the following individuals that have not been previously observed: *du*

1. A. ~~K~~OKUR or A. ~~K~~AKIN, Will Rogers Memorial, Saranac Lake, New York.
 2. EGGERS ~~L~~EHLENDORF, Seehofster, Berlin, Germany.
 3. MARGARETE ~~W~~EISS, 2 Rue de la Prefecture, Nice, France.
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4. ~~ELSA~~ KREMER, 203 West 107th Street, New York City. *du*

The files of the New York Field Division fail to reveal any information regarding the foregoing individuals.

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RE: LEON ERLICH

Confidential Informant GREGORY, whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised that in the early part of 1942 she recalled an individual by the name of LEON, whose name she believed to be LEON ERLICH, came into the picture. She was advised by GOLOS that this individual was a writer for technical magazines, specializing in airplanes. She also understood that GOLOS had commissioned ERLICH to write a series of articles setting forth statistical information regarding airplanes and for this he was paid \$25.00 for each article he turned over to GOLOS.

The Informant did not recall that this individual was a Communist or a dues paying COMMUNIST PARTY member. He contacted GOLOS over a period of only about two months. It was the Informant's recollection that at that time he was residing someplace on Central Park West, New York City, but had no information as to his present address or occupation.

The Informant has been contacted on several occasions in connection with more background information on the above subject, but has been unable to give any additional information.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York failed to reflect any information on the above subject. At the New York Public Library, a detailed search of material was conducted but no information could be obtained in order to identify the subject as being a writer for technical magazines pertaining to airplanes.

The indices of the New York Field Division reflect that there was no record on LEON ERLICH; however, a record was obtained on one LEONARD EHRLICH. This information reflects that his name appeared in the file entitled, "LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". He was a member of this organization and at one time was a minor officer. It will be noted that this organization is alleged to be a Communist dominated organization of authors and writers, who have followed the Party line. Information contained in this file pertaining to EHRLICH is very limited.

The files also reflected that LEONARD EHRLICH of Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, New York, was a committee member in 1941 of the Schappes Defense Committee and was a signer of the petition in 1941 of the Citizens' Committee to Free EARL BROWDER.

Information was also reflected that one LEONARD EHRLICH was a COMMUNIST PARTY member of Branch #9 in the 9th Assembly District in 1938; however, no further identifying information is available on this individual.

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At the New York Public Library, it was ascertained from a book of twentieth century authors that LEONARD EHRLICH was born in 1905 in New York City; was of Jewish nationality; educated in New York schools; and attended CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1928. He is an American novelist and free-lance writer. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1933 for a year's study in England. His only novel has been, "God's Angry Man", which is a fictional biography of JOHN BROWN of Oswatowie. From 1930 to 1932 he held the position of English instructor at C.C.N.Y., which he gave up to continue his study under the Guggenheim Fellowship. His prime interest outside of writing is music and he has been considered somewhat of an authority on Brahms and Bach and has published cultural articles on both. He is known to have started his second novel, entitled, "The Free and the Lonely", which deals with characters close to his personal experience.

At the Guggenheim Foundation, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Mrs. LEIGHT advised that LEONARD EHRLICH received a fellowship in 1933 to study in London, England. His address was given at that time as 1160 Cromwell Avenue, Bronx, New York, but he had also lived at times at Yaddo Springs Artists' Colony, Saratoga Springs, New York. He was not known to have written at any time any technical articles in any field. He was employed from 1939 to 1940 as English instructor at SMITH COLLEGE, Northampton, Massachusetts. He left this position in order that he might devote his entire time to his new novel. The Foundation has received a communication from him advising that he was in the United States Army Signal Corps in January, 1944. Mrs. LEIGHT believed that he had recently been discharged from the Army.

It will be noted that Mrs. LEIGHT was not very informative on the detailed information pertaining to the background of LEONARD EHRLICH and closely guarded what information she had.

No further information was contained in this file relative to LEONARD EHRLICH. Investigation is being continued to determine whether LEONARD EHRLICH may be identical with LEON ERLICH, the subject in this case.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT P. LOHRMANN from September 13 to September 15, 1946:

The New York indices reflect that the name of MAYNARD GERTLER appears on a list of alien students in the Graduate School at Columbia University.

On November 24, 1942, the Miami Field Office advised the New York Field Office that one MAYNARD GERTLER had been reported to S-2 of the 28th Air Base, MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida, by HUGH STRAUS, presently residing in New York City, who stated he believed GERTLER to be a draft dodger. No further information was given.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York files indicate that Mrs. ~~MAYNARD GERTLER~~ resided at the Ritz Towers, New York City, in 1942. She was described as white, 19 or 20 years of age, and married, her husband reportedly still being in college.

The file pointed out that Mrs. GERTLER is the daughter of HUGH GRANT STRAUS, one of the principal owners of the Macy chain of newspapers in Westchester County; also connected with the Abraham & Straus Department Store in Brooklyn, New York. GERTLER and his wife spend considerable time at a large estate in Westchester, owned by the STRAUS family. No derogatory information was reflected.

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An Alien's Personal History Statement furnished to the Local Board set forth the fact that subject was not a member of any organization furthering the policies of any government other than the United States.

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A check of the telephone directory for Manhattan reflects that one HUGH G. STRAUS resides at 122 East 90th Street, New York City, where he operates a photography shop.

Inasmuch as he bears the same middle initial and sets forth his name as HUGH G. STRAUS, Jr. in the telephone directory, it is believed that he is the son of HUGH GRANT STRAUS, GERTLER's father-in-law.

HUGH STRAUS, Jr. was contacted by telephone and it was determined that he was the same individual who had reported GERTLER to S-2 in 1942 in Florida. He was informed that this office was closing its file on the matter of GERTLER being a possible draft dodger and he stated he had no information since his original report to S-2. However, it is believed that he was attempting to evade further questioning on the matter, inasmuch as GERTLER may possibly be his brother-in-law.

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RE: MICHAEL GREENBERG

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE covering the period from September 3, 4, 13, 16, 18 through 20, and October 1, 8, and 9, 1946:

Information was received from the Washington Field Division that MICHAEL GREENBERG filed a removal notice at the post office indicating that his mail should be delivered from 4884 Mac Arthur Boulevard, Washington, D.C. to 20 East 80th Street, New York City.

An inquiry conducted at 20 East 80th Street, New York City, revealed that GREENBERG and his wife resided at this address during the latter part of August 1946, in an apartment leased to MURRAY J. GOLDBERG who was on vacation at that time.

A mail cover was placed on all mail received by GREENBERG at 20 East 80th Street, New York City, but no information of value was received and on October 5, 1946, GREENBERG requested that his mail be forwarded from 20 East 80th Street, New York City, to 110 East 87th Street, New York City.

The files of the New York Field Division reveal that MURRAY J. GOLDBERG applied for membership in the Communist Party, New York City; that he was born November 1, 1916, at Salt Lake City, Utah and that he formerly resided at 14 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York. GOLDBERG is a practicing dentist with offices at 19 East 80th Street, New York City.

MURRAY J. GOLDBERG is described as follows:

Height
Weight
Build
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Peculiarities

5'11 1/2"
133 lbs.
Medium
Brown
Black
Fair
feet slightly flat

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On September 13, Miss Claire Howe of the Personnel Division, United Nations, Lake Success, Long Island, New York, advised that MICHAEL GREENBERG made application with the United Nations for a position in the American Division. The background information contained on these records is not being reported inasmuch as it was previously set out. She advised that GREENBERG's application for employment was placed in the dead files of the United Nations in July of 1946 and that it is not contemplated that GREENBERG will be employed.

MISS HOWE further advised that the only address for MICHAEL GREENBERG contained in these files was 4884 Mac Arthur Boulevard, Washington, D.C. She was able to obtain a telephone number from one of her associates which is reportedly the location of GREENBERG at the present time and this number was listed as ORchard 4-2271.

A confidential source advised the listing to this number is TOBY JENSKY, 339 East 16th Street, New York City.

An inquiry conducted at 339 East 16th Street, New York City, revealed that GREENBERG and his wife sublet an apartment leased to TOBY JENSKY at this address. It was noted that GREENBERG's name is not listed in the register of this apartment house and the letter carrier of the local post office advised that GREENBERG did not receive any mail at this address. It was also ascertained that GREENBERG intended to move from 339 East 16th Street, New York City, during the early part of October 1946.

Several spot check surveillances were conducted by Special Agents MICHAEL M. O'ROURKE and LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE at 339 East 16th Street, New York City, in an attempt to ascertain GREENBERG's contacts and present employment but during this period GREENBERG was not observed.

The files of the New York Field Division fail to reveal any pertinent information regarding TOBY JENSKY.

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RE: JOSEPH B. GREGG

The following information is reported by Special Agent LAWRENCE
W. SPILLANE:

The Buffalo Field Division advised that



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Re: Confidential Informant Gregory

The following information is being dictated by Special Agents FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN and JOSEPH M. KELLY and represents information made available to those agents by Informant GREGORY up to and including October 14, 1946:

On September 23, 1946 GREGORY advised that she had lunched on September 19, 1946 with RAY ELSON; the details of her conversation with and impressions of ELSON are being set out in instant report under the caption of RAY ELSON.

On the occasion of this same interview GREGORY advised that she and JOHN H. REYNOLDS, President of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, were going to Washington the following day for a conference with ERNEST C. ROPES, Chief of the Russian Division of the Office of International Trade, U. S. Department of Commerce. The purpose of this conference was to secure Mr. ROPES' opinion as to the advisability of their firm's continuing in business, it being recalled that the contract under which it is presently operating expires October 31, 1946. It is also to be noted that prior to his trip to Russia in June, 1946 Mr. ROPES had informed GREGORY and Mr. REYNOLDS that he would attempt to do what he could in Moscow towards securing a new and favorable contract for them. It was also learned on the occasion of this conversation with GREGORY that REYNOLDS had definitely made up his mind to have nothing further to do with EARL BROWDER; this attitude appears to be the result of the recent change in public sentiment towards Russia and the fact that REYNOLDS no longer feels friendly towards the USSR. GREGORY also declared that she was supposed to confer with WILLIAM E. BROWDER on September 27, 1946, such arrangement having been made on the occasion of their previous visit.

On September 25, 1946 GREGORY advised by telephone from Washington that she and REYNOLDS had just concluded their conference with Mr. ROPES and that inasmuch as the latter felt there might be need for the firm's registering as an agent of a foreign principal, he had made an appointment for GREGORY and REYNOLDS to confer with LOUIS WINZER (possibly WINZER), an attorney in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, with offices at 929 D Street, Washington.

On October 2, 1946 GREGORY advised that she and REYNOLDS had conferred with Mr. ROPES for approximately two and a half hours on September 25, 1946, and during the conference had learned that ROPES discussed the matter of a new contract with the head of Intourist in Moscow on the occasion of his recent visit there. She continued that according to ROPES this individual did not profess any great interest in extending a new contract and was not at all

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optimistic about the possibility of continued operation by the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. ROPES declared that this conversation was the only step he had been able to take in Moscow towards furthering the interests of the American company.

REYNOLDS explained to ROPES that he had recently received from Intourist a proposed new contract already signed by Intourist, but that he felt certain clauses therein, particularly one which provided that Intourist should have control of any advertising done by the American firm, were wholly objectionable to him and that he had virtually decided to liquidate the business. ROPES volunteered the opinion that he felt REYNOLDS should continue in business and that the Russian attitude might well change so that they would continue to permit REYNOLDS to have an exclusive franchise for the shipment of parcels to the USSR. GREGORY is of the opinion that REYNOLDS' attitude was dictated more by a desire to see commercial relations between this country and Russia improved and enlarged rather than by any ulterior motive, as she recalled that ROPES has often told her that he is not a Communist and does not like Communism, but that if the Russians desire that form of government, that is their concern and we should do our best to get along with them. Considerable time during the conference was consumed by an assistant to ROPES, who was called in to translate from the Russian a letter which REYNOLDS had received at the same time he received the above mentioned contract.

GREGORY said there was nothing additional of interest which she could recall from the meeting except that REYNOLDS remarked he had long been a personal friend of the newly-appointed Secretary of Commerce, W. A. HARRIMAN, and that this fact seemed to impress ROPES. It was learned that in addition to ROPES, his assistant, HENRY WARE, was present at the conference; considerable information as to the background, activities and associates of WARE has previously been furnished in reports submitted in instant case by this office and the Washington Field Division. GREGORY said WARE did not have much to say and was not very familiar with the specific problem under discussion.

With further reference to the proposed contract dated August 5, 1946, prepared by Intourist, ROPES said he thought it would be advisable if REYNOLDS would confer with the Department of Justice as to the possible liability of the firm to registration as an agent of a foreign principal, and remarked that he knew an attorney in that section of the Department who could handle the matter. He thereupon proceeded to make an appointment for REYNOLDS and GREGORY with LOUIS MINZER (NIMZER) mentioned above.

At approximately 3:00 PM REYNOLDS and GREGORY went to MINZER'S office and conferred with him and an associate whose name GREGORY believes to be LEVKIN (phonetic). During this discussion the history of REYNOLDS' operation

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of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation was reviewed, but no definite opinion was given by the Justice Department attorneys, who stated they would study the matter further. GREGORY also mentioned that during part of the conference there was present a third man whose identity she did not learn, and it was her opinion that he may well have been an agent of this Bureau, inasmuch as he seemed to be considerably more intelligent than the other two. It was also learned that during this conference REYNOLDS went into great detail as to his Army record in both World Wars, stressed his patriotism, and declared that he would gladly register if such action were deemed necessary by the Department. It was agreed that he would furnish a letter setting out the general picture of the corporation's operations and that he would be advised subsequently as to the need for registration.

It was also learned from Informant GREGORY on this occasion that following conferences with the firm's lawyers she drafted a radiogram to Intourist, Moscow, which was approved by REYNOLDS and dispatched on September 30, 1946. This message announced to Intourist the intentions of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation to discontinue business as of October 31, 1946 unless it received a new contract containing an exclusive concession in the United States.

It was also learned during this interview with GREGORY on October 2, 1946 that she had seen WILLIAM E. BROWDER the previous day, had told him of REYNOLDS' decision to discontinue business unless certain conditions were forthcoming from Intourist, and in response to BROWDER'S inquiries, told him that the business grossed between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per month. According to the informant, when BROWDER learned of the financial potentiality of the company, the fact that REYNOLDS was drawing \$2,000 per month salary and that the present liquidating net worth of the company would be slightly over \$50,000, he became very excited and declared that the firm must not be allowed to go out of business. He told informant that he and EARL had in mind an individual to buy the business, and when he learned that REYNOLDS had sent a rather strongly-worded radiogram to Intourist on September 30, 1946, he told informant that she should immediately attempt to get REYNOLDS to cable Intourist and countermand the cable. It was BROWDER'S plan, as he explained it, that REYNOLDS should agree to the terms proposed in the Intourist draft of the contract, that BROWDER would arrange the sale of the company from REYNOLDS to this unnamed individual for \$5,000, and that the purchaser would succeed to the contractual rights held by REYNOLDS. GREGORY was able to draw him out during this discussion and she is of the definite opinion that his extreme interest is due to the possibility of great financial return from company operations rather than to any possible use of the company for espionage work. On the occasion of this meeting with WILLIAM BROWDER, GREGORY advanced him the sum of \$500, which brings the total amount repaid to BROWDER to \$3,000, it being recalled that out of the original \$20,000

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invested in the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation at the time of its formation, \$15,000 was made available by BROWDER, probably out of Communist Party funds rather than his own assets.

On October 3, 1946 GREGORY advised that she had transmitted to REYNOLDS the proposition advanced by WILLIAM BROWDER as to the business, but that REYNOLDS was steadfast in his determination not to have any further dealings with either WILLIAM OR EARL BROWDER, and declared that he did not intend to communicate with them nor to pay them any further money. He also appears to have no intention of sending a second cable to Intourist as requested by WILLIAM BROWDER.

The above information concerning GREGORY'S recent conversations with WILLIAM E. BROWDER, as well as an account of her trip to Washington, were furnished to the Bureau and the Washington Field Division by New York letter dated October 7, 1946. Transmitted to the Bureau with such letter were photostatic copies of the proposed contract prepared by Intourist, Moscow and the translation of a Russian language letter sent with the Russian contract. In addition there were furnished a copy of a letter prepared by CLARK, CARR and ELLIS, 120 Broadway, New York City, Counsel for the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, addressed to NATHAN T. ELLIFF, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and a copy of the radiogram dispatched by U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation to Intourist, Moscow on September 30, 1946.

On October 9, 1946 Informant GREGORY advised that she had talked with WILLIAM E. BROWDER, brother of EARL BROWDER, on the day previous and that they discussed the contract which the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation had sent to Moscow and which contract was discussed previously with EARL BROWDER by GREGORY. It will be recalled that BILL BROWDER had previously asked GREGORY to have JOHN H. REYNOLDS, President of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, contact EARL BROWDER under the name of JAMES, and at that time BILL BROWDER indicated that possibly EARL could do something about having the contract of the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation renewed. GREGORY stated that BILL BROWDER did not continue in his efforts to have REYNOLDS contact his brother, EARL, but said that he, BILL, and EARL were satisfied to let the matter take its course in Moscow. GREGORY also stated that she had told BILL BROWDER that she was going to see LEM HARRIS, an outstanding functionary of the Communist Party in New York City, and BILL BROWDER advised her to get rid of HARRIS as quickly as possible and not to tell him too much about the contract.

On October 10, 1946 Informant GREGORY advised that she had talked with LEM HARRIS on this date, at which time he requested that she have JACK

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REYNOLDS, President of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, return the \$15,000 to him which was originally set up as the working capital of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. HARRIS told GREGORY that the \$15,000 was put up by a personal friend of his who wanted to make an investment and that the money did not come from the Communist Party or EARL BROWDER. GREGORY stated that she told HARRIS that REYNOLDS was not able to produce the \$15,000 immediately; that they were not certain that their contract was going to be renewed and also that they had not made any money until January of this year; therefore that REYNOLDS was not in a position to return the \$15,000. GREGORY also told HARRIS that she was surprised to find that the \$15,000 had come from another source than that which was originally stated, namely from Communist Party funds through EARL BROWDER. GREGORY stated that HARRIS is presently actively engaged in organizing a farmers group in Chicago, Illinois, and that he spends only two days out of every two weeks in New York City. HARRIS urged GREGORY to get his \$15,000 and have it returned to him as his personal friend desired the return of the money. GREGORY stated that she made no commitments about the \$15,000 to HARRIS and made no promises as to when it would be returned or to whom it would be returned. It will be recalled that GREGORY has paid out \$3,000 to EARL BROWDER with REYNOLDS' knowledge during the past four months.

Just prior to HARRIS' departure he inferred to GREGORY that possibly something could be done downtown to have the contract renewed. GREGORY was under the impression that he meant the Communist Party, but did not question him further on this inasmuch as she had previously stated to him that she was going to let the matter take its own course.

GREGORY advised that she was going to make known HARRIS' demand to JACK REYNOLDS and that she was to meet REYNOLDS for lunch on this date.

GREGORY made the statement that REYNOLDS during the past two weeks has been quite disturbed about his negotiations with the Russian Government and the demands that have been placed upon him by EARL and BILL BROWDER, and that he made the statement that he was going to the F.B.I. and tell them everything. GREGORY stated that he has made these statements about going to the F.B.I. since his return from Washington, where he went to the Justice Department to register the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation as an agent of a foreign principal. This information has been previously set forth in a letter to the Bureau dated October 7, 1946.

On October 14, 1946 GREGORY advised that on this date JOHN H. REYNOLDS, President of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, had sent a cablegram to Intcurist, Moscow, Russia, advising Intourist that he no

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longer desired consideration of the contract which he had previously submitted to Intourist, and that he was suspending operations immediately, and that he desired Intourist to advise him of the company which would take over the business in the United States in order that he might settle his books and accounts with that company. The Bureau was advised by teletype of REYNOLDS' action on this date.

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RE: J. JULIUS JOSEPH

Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the listing of telephone number Watkins 9-6967 was to Mrs. BEULAH KING, 19 Commerce Street, New York City. It was also determined that the service on this listing began June, 1943, at which time it was listed to Mrs. BEULAH GREEN. On September 24, 1945, it was requested that the name be changed from GREEN to KING in view of the marriage of BEULAH GREEN. In addition, there were two listings; one of EDITH FIENGOLD and JOSEPH TUZ. The occupation of BEULAH KING was given as employed by the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and her bank was given as the NATIONAL CITY BANK, Port Authority Building, New York City. b2 b7D

The files of the New York Field Division were reviewed pertaining to Mrs. BEULAH KING and BEULAH GREEN and it was reflected that a case file entitled, "BEULAH WEEMS GREEN, was.; SECURITY MATTER - C", contained information which reflected that BEULAH GREEN, employed by the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and also a COMMUNIST PARTY member, resided at 19 Commerce Street, New York City. She was a leader in Local #15 of the UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA - C.I.O. and was interested in anti-discrimination work.

This file also reflected that she was born with the name ANNIE BEULAH WOODFOLK in Nashville, Tennessee July 31, 1916, and attended public schools there, graduating from the Pearl High School in 1930. She thereafter studied music at Fish University and received a degree from there in 1936. During the school year of 1940-1941, she taught music at Pearl High School. It was also indicated that in April, 1945 she resided at 19 Commerce Street, New York City, and was still employed by the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION as an executive secretary. She was also known to be secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and a member of the Sacco-Vanzetti Club of the 1st and 2nd Assembly Districts, New York County COMMUNIST PARTY.

It will be noted that the address 19 Commerce Street, New York City, is the address given by the above subject during his recent visit prior to his departure for overseas and which is believed to be the address of his sister. It was also determined that at this address there resides one JOSEPH and also a person by the name of FIENGOLD, both of whom are girls, believed to be the subject's sister and her roommate.

The files of the New York Field Division reflect that one EDITH FIENGOLD, who resides at 19 Commerce Street, New York City, is employed by the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, and has telephone listing Watkins 9-6967. She is also known to be a member of the Sacco-Vanzetti Club of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

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~~Confidential Informant~~ [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, has reported that EDITH FIENGOLD is employed as a clerk in the teck dispatcher's cage for the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION. Information is also given that EDITH FIENGOLD has been engaged on several occasions in speaking on youth work for both the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and the COMMUNIST PARTY. It has been ascertained that EDITH FIENGOLD is identical with the FIENGOLD living at 19 Commerce Street and that she is no longer employed by the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, but is employed by the SIDNEY J. GLUCK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, also known as the MALIBU FABRICS COMPANY, at 2-20 West 34th Street, New York City, telephone Longacre 5-0492. b2 b7D

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked to determine whether or not any information was available on one JOSEPH, who might be identical with the subject's sister. The files reflected an Internal Security - C closed file pertaining to DOROTHY JOSEPH, with alias, Dorothy Francis, whose address is given as 72 Barrow Street, New York City. This file reflects her membership in the COMMUNIST PARTY and her occupation was given as unemployed. No additional information was available.

The files failed to reflect any additional information which would identify the sister of JULIUS JOSEPH and the Informants of the New York Field Division were unable to give any information which would assist in this identification.

It will also be noted that the picture of the subject, J. JULIUS JOSEPH, was determined to be in the possession of MAURICE HALPERIN, also a subject in this case. This information was obtained from a highly confidential source. (S)(u)

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Re: MARY JANE KEENEY

The following information was received from the New Haven Office by letter dated October 10, 1946, and is the result of surveillances conducted by that office on the above individual:

At 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 1946, a surveillance of MARY JANE KEENEY was turned over to Special Agent Edwin H. Eilers by Special Agents G. V. Caswell and R. P. Lohmann of the New York Office. KEENEY was driving a 1940 four door grey DeSota sedan, license plates Washington DC 128-879. KEENEY was noted to drive about the center of Sharon, making inquiry of several unknown individuals for a period of approximately a half-hour when she proceeded from the vicinity of the Sharon Post Office and continued on Route 41 turning off the main highway to Lovers' Lane, which road leads to the summer residence of HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER which is situated approximately one mile from Route 41. At 7:15 p.m. MARY KEENEY was noted to leave the summer home of HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, accompanied by HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, and proceed to the center of Sharon, where she continued on Route 4 for approximately three miles where she took a right-hand turn on a country road. She proceeded approximately one-half mile and turned to the left proceeding up a gravel road to the cabin of MRS. DYCE, first name unknown. At 12:30 a.m. September 8, 1946, MARY KEENEY and HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER proceeded back to the residence of HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER. At 3:45 a.m. the lights in the BUCKMASTER cottage were seen to go out.

At 8:30 a.m. September 8, 1946, Special Agent Eilers was joined by Special Agent Martin F. Carey. At 11:12 a.m. MARY JANE KEENEY was observed to leave Sharon driving a 1940 gray DeSoto sedan bearing Washington DC license 128-879. She was alone in this car except for a black French poodle. She proceeded down the Taconic Parkway, across the George Washington Bridge into New Jersey and from there directly to Caldwell township, New Jersey. She made no stops enroute. At 2:30 p.m. KEENEY arrived at Jane Road, Caldwell Township. It was ascertained that this is the present residence of JOSEPH ALLEN MORTON, the husband of SYBIL TOLKORF. At 3:45 p.m. Agents from the Newark Field Office took over this surveillance at the above address.

L. H. BARTRAM, Lovers' Lane, Sharon, Connecticut, was contacted by Special Agent Edwin H. Eilers and confirmed the presence of MARY JANE KEENEY at the home of HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER and he related that he had visited the home of the BUCKMASTERS at approximately 6:30 p.m. on September 7, 1946, at which time MARY KEENEY was introduced to him as a friend of the BUCKMASTERS from Washington DC. He related that KEENEY was dressed in brown slacks with a gray jacket and had a clipped French poodle on a leash at the time of the introduction.

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At 9:30 p.m. MR. BARTRAM related that he had contacted MRS. RAY HENKEL or HANCEL, who is the mother of HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER and was informed that MARY KEENEY had come with HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER to the cabin rented by MRS. DYCE which in turn is rented from MISS ANNE HOYT of Sharon, Connecticut. MISS KEENEY was expected by HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER on Friday evening; however, she did not appear until Saturday. She intended to remain until the following day at which time she was intending to proceed to New Jersey. Further, PETER STEVENS, husband of HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, also known as RICHARD WARING, the actor, had arrived from New York City on that evening. Further, the sister-in-law of PETER STEVENS was due to arrive that evening. In this connection, it is to be noted that a 1940 or 1941 maroon Ford convertible coupe, driven by an unknown man, was seen by BARTRAM, who believed this man to be PETER STEVENS. The car proceeded from Lovers' Lane at approximately 9:30 p.m. on September 7, 1946, and returned at 2:30 a.m. The Agent noted this same convertible coupe proceed on Lovers' Lane towards the cottage of the BUCKMASTERS bearing two unknown passengers. According to MR. BARTRAM, HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, along with her mother, had been residing at their summer cottage since the first of June and were expected to return to New York City on or about October 1, 1946.

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RE: CHARLES KRAMER

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Francis J. Gallant.

Reference is made to the Washington Field Office letter requesting available background information on HYMAN KRUGLACK who was believed to be associated with the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City. It was also stated that a check dated February 5, 1946, made payable to REBECCA KREBISKY, sister of CHARLES KRAMER, was endorsed to HYMAN KRUGLACK.

The indices of the New York Field Division failed to reflect any information as to either HYMAN KRUGLACK or REBECCA KREBISKY.

The New York telephone directory reflected that HYMAN KRUGLACK resided at 2162 Barnes Avenue, Bronx, New York, and also had a place of business at 711 Lydig Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York failed to reflect any information on either of the above individuals.

At the Manufacturers Trust Company, 55 Broad Street, New York, New York, BERTRAM DRISCOLL advised that they had no employee by the name of HYMAN KRUGLACK. A check of their accounts reflects a bank account for HYMAN KRUGLACK of 711 Lydig Avenue whose occupation was given as a dealer in fruits and vegetables.

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The bank account of HYMAN KRUGLACK was not reviewed in connection with the check dated February 5, 1946, inasmuch as it was thought that such an examination would not be productive of available information as to the reason for this endorsement.

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Re: CHARLES KRAMER

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter dated July 1, 1946 to the New York Field Office wherein one GERTRUDE HOFFMAN, 2184 Davidson Avenue, Bronx was set forth as a close friend of JEAN GAFFEN, who is in turn a close contact of Mrs. CHARLES KRAMER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Robert P. Lohmann during the period from August 20th to September 13th:

The records of The Credit Bureau of Greater New York, telephone directories and Board of Elections of New York City were checked with negative results.

It was determined that GERTRUDE HOFFMAN, also known as GERTRUDE HOCHMAN occupies Apartment 33 at 2184 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, with one BERNARD LICHTMAN, age 53, a widower.

No information of value could be obtained from ARCHIBALD ALLEYNE, Superintendent, nor CHARLES SCHIRMEISTER, 1364 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., owner, regarding HOCHMAN nor LICHTMAN.

HOFFMAN was placed under surveillance and it was determined that she is employed as a steno-typist by the MERCANTILE COLLECTION AGENCY, operated by one STANLEY K. ALDEN, Room 604, 40 East 49th Street.

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The New York indices were checked with negative results on GERTRUDE HOFFMAN, also known as HOCHMAN; BERNARD LICHTMAN, STANLEY K. ALDEN and JEAN GAFFEN.

In view of the fact that the name GERTRUDE HOFFMAN and HOCHMAN is very common in New York plus the fact that it is deemed inadvisable to make a neighborhood investigation or to contact her employer, further investigation is being discontinued.

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The following is a description of GERTRUDE HOFFMAN:

Name:	GERTRUDE HOFFMAN
Alias:	Hochman
Age:	About 38
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	125-130 pounds
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Reddish, brown
Appearance:	Jewish

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN.

The Washington Field Office advised that ~~RAYMOND SINGER~~, 1721 59th Street, Brooklyn, New York, had telephonically contacted HARRY S. MAGDOFF on September 21, 1945, and the identity of SINGER was requested. *fyx*

The indices of the New York Field Division reflect that one RAYMOND SINGER had signed a petition in the New York State Communist Party in 1942. Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that RAYMOND SINGER continued to reside at 1721 59th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and that he was employed by the SINGER NOVELTY COMPANY, 141 West 40th Street, New York City. The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked against the name of the subject but the results of said check were negative. *b2 b7D*

The Washington Field Division requested that office to ascertain the identity of CARL WEINSTEIN, 1299 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, an individual who had telephonically contacted HARRY S. MAGDOFF on October 8, 1945. *(fyx)*

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On October 1, 1946, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that CARL WEINSTEIN presently resides at 1299 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York. *b6 per S.S. b2 b7D*

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked and the results of said check were negative.

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked and the results of said check were negative.

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RE: HARRY S. MAGDOFF

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Francis J. Gallant.

Reference is made to the letter of the Washington Field Division requesting available background information on ~~WALTER KONIGSTEIN~~, 444 Central Park West, New York City, and also information on a Mrs. SOLVEY who was contacted on two different occasions by the above subject at telephone number Academy 4-6753 (u)X

A check of the New York telephone directory reflected that the above telephone number is that of WALTER KONIGSTEIN, 444 Central Park West.

The indices of the New York Field Division reflect an Alien Enemy Registration file on WALTER KONIGSTEIN. A review of this file reflected that KONIGSTEIN was engaged in the business of ladies' garments with a firm name, KINGSTONE SPORTKNIT COMPANY, 31 West 21st Street, New York City. It reflected also that he was born April 23, 1904 in Vienna, Austria. He gave as his relatives, ~~LILY KONIGSTEIN~~, wife, 444 Central Park West, and TRUDY SOLVEY, sister, 952 Post Road, Scarsdale, New York. In his questionnaire he stated that he had obtained his first papers in 1940 and was registered with Local Board #33, New York City. He gave as references E. D. FRIEDMAN, 1200 Fifth Avenue, New York, and TRUDY SOLVEY, 952 Post Road, Scarsdale, New York. There were approximately ten travel permit requests which had been granted KONIGSTEIN during 1942 and 1943. The above travel was for vacation and business purposes.

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A daughter was born to the KONIGSTEINS on July 9, 1946, whose name is JANE LOUISE KINGSTONE.

KONIGSTEIN was naturalized in the Southern District of New York, January 29, 1945, his file number being #6290029.

At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York a record was obtained only on LILY KINGSTONE, 444 Central Park West, wherein it was reflected that she was a partner in the ROSSWELL SPORTSWEAR COMPANY, 1410 Broadway, which was formed January 29, 1943. The other partners in this business were ALEX WEIDERSCHALL, ISAAC ROSENTEIG and ERIC WELLS. The bank given at that time was the City National Bank, Times Square, New York. No other trade information was available.

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, were also checked and reflected that WALTER KINGSTONE, age 42, married, born in Austria, came to the United States in 1939. His name appears as president of the VIOLA KNITWEAR MILLS, INC., 435 East 166th Street, incorporated in New York November 23, 1943. This firm name was registered in February, 1940. No financial data is available other than information received from a bookkeeper who advised that a volume of business is in excess of \$300,000. The bank was listed as the National City Bank, Washington Square Branch, New York City. b2 b7D

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Thomas P. Lynch, Resident Agent at White Plains, New York.

It was ascertained at the Scarsdale Post Office that Doctor and Mrs. BRUNO SOLEY moved from 952 Post Road on March 28, 1944, and gave a forwarding address as 3719 Lyons Lane, the Park Fairfax, Alexandria, Virginia, and they have not been known to have been back in Scarsdale since that time.

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The writer under pretext contacted the doorman at 444 Central Park West and was advised that no individual had ever resided at that address by the name of SOLVEY. However, he did explain that a Mr. WALTER KINGSTONE, a resident at that address, had a sister by the name of Mrs. SOLBY who had lived at that address for a short while after her husband's death upon his release from the Army. He said that the death of Mrs. SOLBY's husband was quite sudden and unexpected and she came to New York and stayed with her brother for a few weeks and has since moved to an apartment of her own in the vicinity of Madison Avenue and 73d or 74th Street. b6
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In view of the above information it is believed that the individual mentioned as Mrs. SOLVEY in the letter from the Washington Field Office is identical with Mrs. SOLBY, the sister of WALTER KONIGSTEIN.

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ROBERT T. MILLER

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN.

The Washington Field Division advised that IRVING LEVY, 210 West 80th Street, New York City, had telephonically contacted ROBERT T. MILLER on May 6, 1945, and the identity of LEVY was requested. The indices of the New York Field Division were checked against the name of IRVING LEVY and it was ascertained there was no information contained therein who was identical with the IRVING LEVY referred to hereinbefore (u)

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked against the name of the subject and the result of said check was negative.

The Washington Field Division requested information on SAMUEL BISHOP, 70 East 45th Street, New York City. BISHOP telephonically contacted ROBERT T. MILLER on May 26, 1945 (u) X(u)

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked against the name of the subject and the results of said check were negative.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] was consulted and it was ascertained that this informant had no information concerning BISHOP. b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that NATHANIEL BISHOP, 70 East 45th Street, New York City, is listed as the subscriber to telephone Murray Hill 4-3986 and that he is employed as an Electronics Consultant. b2 b7D

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Previous address for NATHANIEL BISHOP was given as 4375 Congress Street, Fairfield, Connecticut. It is believed that NATHANIEL BISHOP is probably a brother or a relative of SAMUEL BISHOP referred to as the person that MILLER contacted.

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RE: ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER, 3RD

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
H. COURTENAY CLINCH:

Jesse Kassel ~~Robinson~~
161 West 16th Street
Telephone Chelsea 2-4134

Reference is made to lead set forth by the Washington Field Division to the effect that the above individual was contacted telephonically on May 25, 1945 by the above ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER, 3RD. The address of 116 West 16th Street, New York City and telephone number Chelsea 2-4134 were reported and it was further advised in the lead that the telephone number Chelsea 2-4134 was erroneously reported as it did not cover 116 West 16th Street. (S) (u)

Investigation as to street numbers reflected that the number 116 is non-existent on 16th Street and as a transposition of numbers occurred the Local Board covering 161 West 16th Street was checked.

Miss MARY ROSEN, Clerk of Local Board 17, 45 Astor Place, New York City, made available [REDACTED]

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A reference in the indices of the New York Field Division reflects that JESSE K. ROBINSON, with offices at 1819 Broadway, New York City, is attorney for the SOCIETY OF IMMIGRANT DENTISTS, 385 Central Park West, New York City. The indices failed to reflect any record of the SOCIETY OF IMMIGRANT DENTISTS.

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OLGA PRAVDINA

As previously reported, the rent on the apartment formerly occupied by PRAVDINA, #8C, at 125 Riverside Drive, was paid by the Tass News Agency.

J. PEDERSEN, superintendent of the building, advised that in the end of August or beginning of September, the Tass News Agency requested permission to sublet the apartment of the PRAVDINAS. This permission was refused and the apartment was subsequently rented to another tenant by the name of STERNBERG. PEDERSEN further advised that the PRAVDINAS' maid, CATHERINE DUFFY, had moved her belongings to 46 West 95th Street, where she was going to work as a domestic for another Russian family. PEDERSEN continued that the Tass News Agency sent a moving truck which removed all the furniture that was in apartment 8C at the building.

In view of the above, it would appear that the PRAVDINAS probably will not return to the United States in the immediate future. No further inquiry is to be made concerning the PRAVDINAS unless information is subsequently received that they have returned to the United States.

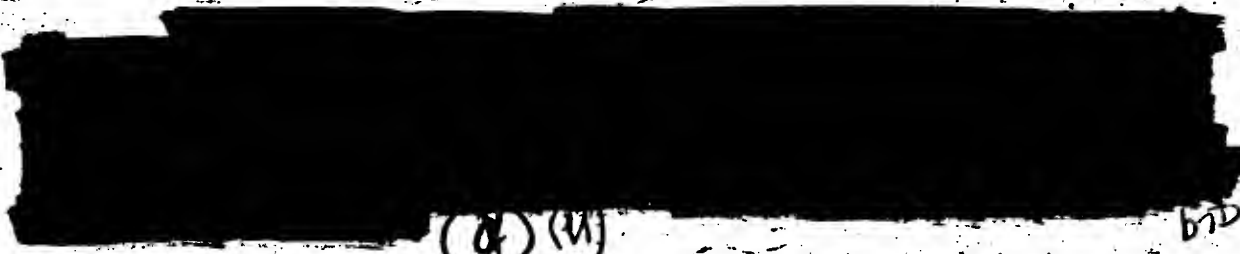
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
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Investigation was made at 144 East 22nd Street, and it was ascertained that JULIE FLOWMAN was a student who had resided at that address for a period of only a few months and had moved some time in August, 1946. Further investigation was made and it was ascertained that JULIE FLOWMAN is a student in the New York School of Social Work, and was presently residing at 305 West 72nd Street, New York City. On September 5, 1946, inquiry was made at Columbia University and it was ascertained that the New York School of Social Work is run by Columbia University and the records of that institution indicate that JULIE FLOWMAN'S real name is GISELA JULIE FLOWMAN. Her home address was listed as 1517 East 57th Street, Long Beach, California, and that she is a student registered for this semester in the New York School of Social Work.

A telephone call was made to Miss FLOWMAN under suitable pretext and it was ascertained that she was born on November 20, 1921, in Mulohufen, Germany.

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked against subject's names and found to be negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. COURTENAY CLINCH:

James E. Meighan
140 East 28th Street
New York City
Telephone Murray Hill 6-2662

Reference is made to lead set forth by the Washington Field Division to ascertain the identity of Miss JERRY JACKWITH, who was telephonically contacted by BERNARD S. REDMONT on January 18, 1945 at Murray Hill 6-2662. The lead set forth that the above telephone was listed to one JAMES MEIGHAN and his identity should also be furnished. *dlw*

Mr. HARRY SCHUMACHER, superintendent of premises at 140 East 28th Street, New York City, advised that JAMES E. MEIGHAN, JR. occupied apartment 9-F. He stated that Mr. MEIGHAN leased this apartment on September 7, 1945 and has resided there continuously with one exception. Mr. SCHUMACHER states that during the winter months of 1945-1946 JAMES E. MEIGHAN, father of the above individual and a well known real estate broker in the City requested the superintendent to see that apartment 9-F would be in good condition as friends of his would occupy the apartment during the absence of his son.

Mr. SCHUMACHER was unable to recall the identity of any of these people nor was he able to fix any date other than that it was in the winter months when they stayed in the apartment. He further advised, however, that during that period telephone with listing Murray Hill 6-2662 was in the apartment numbered 9-F and was listed under the name of JAMES MEIGHAN.

Mr. SCHUMACHER further advised that he did not question Mr. MEIGHAN's request or talk to the owners of the apartment as he knew

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that Mr. MEIGHAN, SR. was a very close friend of the heads of BING & BING, INC. 119 West 40th Street, New York City, owners of the premises and that MEIGHAN, JR. had only obtained the apartment because of the intervention of his father with the owners of the building.

As to JAMES E. MEIGHAN, JR., Mr. SCHUMACHER stated that this individual was identical with the JAMES MEIGHAN whose name appears as the conductor of the radio drama program "The Falcon" which is presented weekly over the Mutual Network, Station WOR. He further advised that THOMAS MEIGHAN, the well known star of silent pictures, is an uncle of JAMES E. MEIGHAN, JR.

Mr. SCHUMACHER could only give a general description of the subject, stating that he was about forty years of age, about five foot ten, weight about 145 pounds, hair brown and greying, eyes dark; he is married, has one child; as to the marital status of MEIGHAN, JR. Mr. SCHUMACHER stated that he has never seen the wife nor does he believe that she resides with Mr. MEIGHAN at the apartment and he stated that this is also true of the child.

Mr. SCHUMACHER volunteered the information that Mr. MEIGHAN was an exceptionally quiet person and had maintained a very good reputation in the apartment and he never heard nor did he know anything derogatory concerning him.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were searched by Special Employee Investigator WADE FULLER, of this office and they reflected that the above individual was employed by AIR-FEATURES, INC., 247 Park Avenue, as a radio actor; that he is a member in good standing of the Lamb's Club, New York City, of which club his father is treasurer. It was further reflected that his uncle is THOMAS MEIGHAN, star of the silent films. His credit rating was listed as very good and nothing derogatory was mentioned concerning the individual's reputation. His description was given as being between thirty-eight and forty, he is married and has one child.

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Murray Hill 6-2662~~SECRET~~

As set forth above no evidence could be obtained to identify the Miss JERRY ASKWITH who answered the telephone on January 18, 1945 in apartment 9-F, 140 East 28th Street with any individual known to this office. However, it is believed that the Miss JERRY ASKWITH mentioned above may be identical with EDNA JERRY A. ASKWITH, who has been previously mentioned numerous times in the instant case as being a contact of both BERNARD S. REDMONT and ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER, 3RD, subjects of instant case.

The Bureau's attention is called to report of Special Agent R. A. JOHNSON dated February 17, 1942 at New York, entitled EDNA JERRY A. ASKWITH, OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SPECIAL INQUIRY (Bureau file 77-13190) in which the Bureau is origin.

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Re: GEORGE SILVERMAN

Reference is made to the Washington Field Office letter dated July 22, 1946, entitled, "GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R," which requested the New York Field Office to ascertain the listing for telephone number Academy 2-6822 and obtain background information on the person who subscribes to that number. It was noted that on April 4, 1946 GEORGE SILVERMAN, a subject in instant case, contacted an individual believed to be one SCHAEFER at Academy 2-6822. 7/24/46

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Mrs. ~~PETER BUME~~ was interviewed under pretext and advised that her husband, PETER A. BUME, was inducted into the United States Army in 1942 and upon his discharge in the early part of 1946 was employed as a civilian for the War Department in Germany as an investigator, which work was comparable to that of a Counter-Intelligence Corps Agent. He served in this capacity while a member of the Armed Forces because of his intimate knowledge of German.

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Mrs. BUME pointed out that Mr. SCHAEFER resided there temporarily until he could find permanent quarters for his wife and family, and he now resides at 35-28 88th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, telephone number Newtown 9-7168. She explained that Mr. SCHAEFER was born in Hamburg, Germany, about 50 years ago and has been in the United States since 1940, most of which time he has spent in Washington, D. C., where he resided at 3607 - 34th Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

A review of the New York files reflects in the report of Special Agent Robert J. Barth, dated November 24, 1943 at New York, entitled "ERWIN SCHAEFER, also known as ERWIN MAX EDUARD SCHAEFER; EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION, OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," that an investigation was conducted of an individual who was probably identical with ERWIN E. SCHAEFER, cousin of PETER BUME.

Referenced report indicated that ERWIN SCHAEFER was an applicant for a position with the Office of Emergency Management and had been an official in the wood sugar industry for production of alcohol in Hamburg, Germany, prior to 1939. He was said to have been in a concentration camp for one month in 1939 but released after he passed legal title of all property to the German government.

SCHAEFER entered the United States from Canada July 14, 1940, filed a declaration of intention for naturalization, United States District Court, Brooklyn, New York, December 27, 1940, and organized the AMERICAN WOOD SUGAR COMPANY for the promotion of the SCHOLLER-TORNESCH processes for making alcohol, butadiene, and concentrated protein feed

SCHAEFER's associates stated he was of good character and reputation and was said to have cooperated with the United States Army officials in an effort to locate the critical industries in Germany.

Credit and criminal records for him in New York were negative.

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Re: GEORGE SILVERMAN

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM G. O'DONNELL on September 18, 19, October 1, 11, 14, 1946.

Reference is made to letter from the Washington Field Office dated April 15, 1946 in which it was stated that LOUIS DRAPERIES SMITH, 895 Park Avenue, New York, had been telephonically contacted on April 5, 1945 by subject GEORGE SILVERMAN at Butterfield 8-8584 which is an unpublished number. *WGO*

The indices of the New York Office were checked with negative results regarding LOUIS DRAPERIES SMITH and also regarding LOUIS G. SMITH. Investigation revealed that no one named LOUIS SMITH had ever resided at 895 Park Avenue.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the telephone number Butterfield 8-8584 is listed under the name of LOUIS G. SMITH, 1285 Third Avenue. A check at this address revealed that LOUIS G. SMITH maintains a furniture upholstery and drapery business at this address. *b7D*

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished the following information. LOUIS G. SMITH is presently engaged as a manufacturer of upholstered furniture and draperies at 1285 Third Avenue. He formerly carried on this business at 686 Lexington Avenue, New York City. He is 54 years of age, married, and a native born citizen. He was originally employed by ALFRED PICK of Chicago, Illinois until becoming an officer in GEORGE P. REINHARD COMPANY, INCORPORATED at an exposition in 1919. This company made an assignment for benefit of credits in 1934. SMITH then became secretary of REINHARD SHOPS. In 1940 this company also made an assignment for benefit of credits. SMITH then continued the business which was upholstery and draperies individually. *b2 b7D* On October 1, 1945 SMITH moved this business to its present address. The net worth of this company is, according to a statement for 1945, \$12,900. Its monthly sales are approximately \$8,000. Its credit rating is satisfactory.

In view of the fact that no derogatory information was found concerning LOUIS G. SMITH, no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

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Re: DAVID WAHL

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE J. SULLIVAN on August 27, 28, and October 2 and 11, 1946:

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter dated July 22, 1946 requesting the New York Field Division to ascertain the listing for telephone number BEachview 2-6065 and to obtain background information on the person listed for that number.

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It was ascertained that BEachview 2-6065 is listed to Mr. SIDNEY GOLDMAN, 2143 77th Street, Brooklyn, New York. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 2143 77th Street, Brooklyn reflected that SIDNEY GOLDMAN resides at this address with his wife BESSIE, who is a social worker connected with the New York City Department of Welfare, and his daughter ESTEL, who is a college student attending school somewhere in Ohio. According to the neighbors, GOLDMAN is employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York.

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The indices of the New York Field Division, as well as the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, were negative in the name of SIDNEY GOLDMAN.

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Re: DAVID WAHL

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Gerard B. Tracy and covers the period of August 22, 23 and 26, 1946.

Reference is made to the letter of the Washington Field Office dated July 22, 1946, entitled "GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R," which requested the New York Office to ascertain the listing for telephone number Murrayhill 2-0694 and obtain background information on the person who subscribes to that number.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that EMANUEL NEUMANN, 521 - 5th Avenue, New York City, is the subscriber to Murrayhill 2-0694. b2 b7D

J. KEHRT, Building Manager of 521 - 5th Avenue, New York City, Room 802, advised that Dr. EMANUEL NEUMANN of Room 1903 of the same address has been a resident of the building since March 24, 1943 to date; that he resides at 749 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone Academy 2-2561, and formerly resided at 88 Central Park West. Mr. KEHRT advised that NEUMANN is Chairman of the Commission on Palestine Surveys and on his application blank listed as a reference the National City Bank, 42nd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, as well as the United Palestine Appeal and Palestine Foundation Fund, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City.

The secretary of Dr. NEUMANN was interviewed under pretext in Room 1903, 521 - 5th Avenue, New York City, and she advised that Dr. NEUMANN is author of a pamphlet entitled, "Zionism and the Arab World," which pamphlet was introduced as testimony to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on February 15, 1944. The pamphlet was issued by the American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Dr. NEUMANN's secretary advised he is a graduate of New York University Law School and is devoting his full time to the Commission on Palestine Surveys.

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✓ The records of the Registrar's Office, New York University Law School, Washington Square, New York City, reflected that one EMANUEL NEUMANN entered the law school in September 1924 and was awarded a J.D. in June 1930. The record indicated that NEUMANN received his B.A. degree from Columbia University June 3, 1914, and attended Boys High School, Brooklyn, New York.

NEUMANN's date of birth was listed as July 2, 1893 at Libau, Russia; his residence at the time he was a student in the Law School was 366 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; he claimed United States citizenship.

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RE: DAVID R. WAHL

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office to the New York Field Office dated July 22, 1946, which letter requested that

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HERBERT B. GRANT on August 27, September 3, 12, and 13, 1946:

It was ascertained in Larchmont, New York, that the telephone number Larchmont 2-1383 is listed to ~~FERRIS~~ FAULKNER, Jr. at the above address.

At the Westchester County Credit Bureau in White Plains, New York, the following information was obtained:

~~FERRIS~~ FAULKNER, Jr. who was formerly a resident of Pleasantville, New York and ~~MRS. FAULKNER~~ the former ~~MOREY~~ KENNERLEY of Larchmont were married August 22, 1936, at the St. Johns Episcopal Church in Larchmont. Mrs. FAULKNER previously attended the Marici School in New Rochelle, the Mamaroneck, New York High School and had graduated from the Jenny Hunter School in New York City. At the time of her marriage she was Assistant Director of the Park Avenue School in New York City and was a member of the Junior Section of the Womans Club of Larchmont and a member of the executive board of that organization. It was also revealed that MRS. FAULKNER's mother, Mrs. CELIA V. KENNERLEY, also lives at the Vanderberg Avenue address.

Reverend FRANCIS J. H. COFFIN of St. Johns Episcopal Church advised that he officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. FAULKNER but that neither of them has attended church with any degree of regularity since their marriage and that he therefore has had no recent contact with them. He said that he knew nothing of either one of their political affiliations or organizational activities.

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At the Larchmont, New York Post Office, Postmaster, FRANK EGGERS, advised that Mr. and Mrs. FAULKNER occupy the dwelling at 2 Vanderberg Avenue with her mother Mrs. KENNERLEY and that the FAULKNERS spend the greater portion of each summer somewhere in Vermont. He stated that no forwarding address is left with the postal authorities since Mrs. KENNERLEY apparently receives their mail and forwards it to them.

At the Larchmont, New York Police Department, Chief WILLIAM KERSEY advised that he knew nothing whatsoever about the KENNERLEY or the FAULKNER families other than that they were well regarded in the community. and had no police records.

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Re: DAVID WAHL

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Gerard B. Tracy and covered the period September 10, 1946.

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter dated July 22, 1946 in the above entitled case which requested the New York Office to ascertain the listing for telephone number Walker 5-6200, and obtain background information on the person listed for that number.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Walker 5-6200 is the telephone number for the UNITED TRANSFORMER COMPANY switchboard, 150 Varick Street. b2 b7D

Inasmuch as the UNITED TRANSFORMER COMPANY is a large organization employing over one hundred people, no further inquiry is being made. [REDACTED] b1

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RE: DR. ABRAHAM G. WEINSTEIN

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 25, 1946, which requested this office to ascertain background information on LUCILLE ~~ELFENBEIN~~ who was mentioned in a telegram sent on March 12, 1946, by DR. ~~WEINSTEIN~~.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HERBERT B. GRANT on August 27,29,30 and September 3,4,12,13,18 and 19, 1946.

BENEDICT MC GRATH, a real estate dealer in Larchmont, New York, advised that he has known LUCILLE ~~ELFENBEIN~~ for several years as a fellow real estate broker. MRS. ~~ELFENBEIN~~ for several years was associated with the Minnette Ullman Real Estate Agency in Larchmont and has for the past year been associated with the Jane Cornell Real Estate Agency at 135 Halstead Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York.

MR. MC GRATH stated that MRS. ~~ELFENBEIN~~ and her husband JULIEN had for several years lived in their own home at 45 West Brookside Drive in the town of Mamaroneck and had moved a short time ago to a newly purchased home on Greenhaven Road in the Greenhaven section of the City of Rye. MR. MC GRATH stated that MRS. ~~ELFENBEIN~~ is of Jewish background although she does not profess to be such and that she has in the past attended the St. Johns Episcopal Church in Larchmont. MC GRATH stated that he did not know enough about MRS. ~~ELFENBEIN~~ to be able to advise this Bureau anything about her political or international feelings. He has never heard of her being associated with any of what might be termed the left wing element of Larchmont.

Reverend FRANCIS J.H. COFFIN, Pastor of St. Johns Episcopal Church in Larchmont, advised that he has known both MR. and MRS. ~~ELFENBEIN~~ for a number of years but that during the recent past neither of them has attended church with any degree of regularity and that he has lost contact with them particularly since their removal to the City of Rye. It was DR. COFFIN's opinion that MRS. ~~ELFENBEIN~~ was the least likely of the two

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to be swayed by any subversive ideologies although he has never actually been involved in any conversations with her or in a group in which she was present which would give rise to such philosophies. He termed MR. ELFENBEIN as an idealist who might possibly be involved in Communist or subversive activities.

OWEN MANDEVILLE, a real estate dealer and the Supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck, stated that he had known MR. and MRS. ELFENBEIN for several years. MANDEVILLE admitted that he disliked MR. ELFENBEIN personally, stating that he, ELFENBEIN, has tried to become active in Republican activities in the Town of Mamaroneck on several occasions but has been turned down by MANDEVILLE and his associates because of his "rabble rousing" technic. MANDEVILLE believed that JULIEN ELFENBEIN was the type who would become influenced by any new or different cause and believed that he would definitely be more likely than MRS. ELFENBEIN to be affiliated with or sympathetic to any subversive group. MANDEVILLE believed that JULIEN ELFENBEIN is the publisher of a trade journal in New York City for the hardware business.

JOHN DELIUS, Town Attorney for the Town of Mamaroneck, stated that before the ELFENBEIN family moved to Rye he had been a neighbour of theirs for several years. He characterized MR. ELFENBEIN as "bad tempered, truculent and unstable". He believed that MR. ELFENBEIN would be apt to espouse an idea or a cause without thinking the matter through. It was believed that ELFENBEIN "talks more than he thinks and doesn't mean all he says". DELIUS stated that in his opinion MRS. ELFENBEIN is of a different type entirely being in his opinion a sensible and stable housewife and business woman. DELIUS stated that both MR. and MRS. ELFENBEIN are interested in Republican politics and in fact have made minor speeches in favor of Republican candidates during some of the past election campaigns.

Postmaster FRANK EGGERS of the Larchmont, New York Post Office has known the ELFENBEIN family for years and advised that they are people who are continually active in one field or another locally and have been in the past moderately active in Republican Party activities. EGGERS did

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not recall ever having heard anything which would indicate a "liberal" trend in their activities.

At the Mamaroneck Town Police Department, Chief PAUL YERICK has known the ELFENBEIN family for several years and recalled that MRS. ELFENBEIN is the type who is interested in the type of community affairs typical in small residential communities such as the Ladies Aid, Red Cross and the Women's Club. Chief YERICK could not give any information regarding the philosophical, political or international views maintained by the ELFENBEINS although he did recall that in 1932 JULIEN ELFENBEIN was a staunch supporter of the Republican candidate for president, HERBERT HOOVER.

At the Westchester Credit and Collection Bureau in White Plains, New York, it was revealed that JULIEN ELFENBEIN and his wife, LUCILLE REED ELFENBEIN previously lived at 291 Mount Kimble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey and at 156 East 40th Street, New York City. In 1938, ELFENBEIN was known to be the Editor of the Haire Publishing Company at 1170 Broadway, New York City.

At the Motor Vehicle Bureau in New York City, it was determined that MRS. LUCILLE ELFENBEIN has a 1940 Plymouth Sedan registered to her for the year 1946 and that her business address is 135 Halstead Avenue, Mamaroneck. Her current operators license indicates that she was born October 13, 1902, is 5' tall, has blue eyes, blond hair and wears glasses while operating a motor vehicle.

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Re: DR. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN~~SECRET~~

The following information was received from the New Haven Office by letter dated October 10, 1946, and is the result of surveillances conducted by that office on the above individual:

On September 23, 1946, Special Agent Alexander L. Gucker was advised by Special Agent John T. Hilsbos of the New York Field Office that ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN was scheduled to make a speech in Stamford that evening. Agent Hilsbos had indicated that information had been received that WEINSTEIN had contacted the Communist Party National Headquarters for material to use in his speech; also that WEINSTEIN was planning to take either the 5:02 or 6:08 train for Stamford on that evening.

On September 23, 1946, Special Agents Christopher W. Nelson and William F. Norton, Jr., of the New Haven Field Division met the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad trains which arrived at Stamford at 5:59 p.m., 6:51 p.m. and 7:48 p.m., but DR. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN was not observed to alight from any of these trains. It is to be noted that each train consisted of about 14 cars from which passengers all alighted simultaneously.

[REDACTED] A surveillance was placed on the subject's house at 8 p.m., at which time the aforementioned 1937 black Ford sedan was observed in the driveway. b7c b7D

At 8:14 p.m. Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that an individual believed to be identical with JOHN BRIDGE, a Communist Party functionary in Stamford, Connecticut, conferred with LENORE WEINSTEIN and she mentioned that MIDGE RADOM was going and would be a possible recruit for him. (X) (S) (C) u b7c b7D

At 9:10 p.m. the instant surveillance was discontinued inasmuch as no indication was made that DR. WEINSTEIN was leaving his house.

On September 26, 1946, Special Agent Alexander L. Gucker advised Special Agent Hilsbos of the New York Office that information had been received from [REDACTED] that BETTY HEART had [REDACTED] (C) (S) X b1 b2 b7D

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At this time a surveillance was placed on DR. WEINSTEIN's house. At 1 a.m. DR. WEINSTEIN and his family retired and no one was observed to leave DR. WEINSTEIN's house. (X) u

At 6 a.m. on September 27, 1946, the physical surveillance was continued on DR. WEINSTEIN's house. At 8:15 a.m. New York Agents Donald E. Shannon, Frank J. Nolan and Frank D. O'Brien joined the surveillance. At 8:20 a.m. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN, his brother MORRIS WEINSTEIN, his son WILLIE WEINSTEIN, and an individual believed to be ARTHUR STROMBERG drove away from DR. WEINSTEIN's residence in a 1946 Buick sedan, having 1946 New York license 2D-1016. No woman was observed in this car.

At 8:24 a.m. Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that LENORE WEINSTEIN told MIDGE RADOM that "they" left with ARTHUR (STROMBERG) by car and took WILLIE to school. At 8:24 a.m. [REDACTED] reported that BETTY HEART asked LENORE WEINSTEIN if ABE WEINSTEIN had left and LENORE had told BETTY that he left at 8:20 a.m. (X) (X) u

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Re: ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Donald E. Shannon and includes the period from August 29, 1946 to October 11, 1946:

Confidential Informant [REDACTED], who is in a position to obtain information concerning contacts made by Dr. WEINSTEIN and his wife, LENORA, at their home in Stamford, Connecticut, supplied the following information with regard to these contacts (S)(X)(S) u b2 b7D

On August 29, 1946 Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN, brother of Dr. Abraham B. Weinstein, contacted MIDGE CHORODOV RADOM who is on the Executive Committee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (S)(X)(S) u

On August 30, 1946, JOSEPH WEINSTEIN, brother of ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, advised ABE WEINSTEIN that he was going to Atlantic City on that date and at that time ABE advised him to see ZERO MOSTEL when he was there. ZERO MOSTEL is a subject of an Internal Security - C investigation with New York as office of origin. (S)(X)(S) u

On this same date MORRIS WEINSTEIN contacted MOSS HART with regard to having MOSS HART look over a play that has been written by Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN (S)(X)(S) u

On September 4, 1946 Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN was in touch with BONNIE JOSEPHSON who was the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation. (S)(X)(S) u

On September 4, 1946 this informant advised that plans were made for ZERO MOSTEL to visit with Dr. ABE WEINSTEIN and Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN in Stamford, Connecticut, on the following Monday and Tuesday. (S)(X)(S) u

On September 9, 1946 BONNIE JOSEPHSON contacted Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN and at that time BONNIE advised that the big problem with regard to the play was to find a house in which to produce it. (S)(X)(S) u

On September 10, 1946 Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN contacted the movie actor, NICK CONTE, who is a known associate of Dr. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN. At that time NICK CONTE was in Beverly Hills, California. The conversation that took place between Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN and NICK CONTE related to the play written by Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN. With regard to the play, NICK CONTE made the following remarks: The second act in which the barking dog business takes place is much too long but otherwise it is very (S)(X)(S) u

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good and much better than the original. NICK CONTE stated that two people barking on the stage for that length of time was not very good. In all respects, though, NICK thought that the play would be a smash hit. NICK did state that he would like very much to be in the play himself but since he has a picture on now that it would be impossible for him to have any part in it. (u)

At this time Dr. ABE WEINSTEIN also spoke with NICK CONTE and their conversation related mainly to the play. NICK CONTE suggested that they give the play to an agency rather than to BONNIE JOSEPHSON or some other person whom ABE might know through the dental business. They advised that the play is written under the name of MORRIS WEBER. (u)

RUTH CONTE, wife of NICK CONTE, also spoke with Dr. ABE WEINSTEIN and she stated that JACK CARSON, the actor, should be approached to play HANK in the play. (u)

On September 10, 1946 Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN sent a day letter to JOHN WEBER, his brother, at 919 1/2 North LaJolla, Hollywood, California, which read as follows: (u)

"New script reaching you today. Revised and cut. Incorporated many of your suggestions. Have decided to make no commitments to BONNIE although he is eager. Likewise none to HECHT who is only BONNIE's representative. PREMINGER and FERRY getting copy today as was promised but with understanding it is only for opinion and suggestions. Told them you were getting copies simultaneously and we would confer with you on procedure. MOSS HART promised to read it and will get it Friday. CONTE also getting it today. Important you speak to CONTE very enthusiastically. If contract does not permit him to play in Broadway production if he is interested in movie role and is a friend of MILESTONE who is reading his copy. See CONTE and wife immediately. Very good friends and good people. Read script quickly. Want you to give it to BILL MORRIS. Write or wire quickly. Let's be calm and sensible and all get in the groove on this. Communicate quickly and constantly. Love and kisses to RIPSY and LINDA and plenty to you too. (u)

MORRIS WEINSTEIN (u)

On September 11, 1946 Dr. ABE WEINSTEIN was in contact with his secretary, BETTY HEART, and at that time BETTY advised him that the "guy who defended LUSTIG was in the office" (u)

On September 12, 1946 Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN contacted ANNIE LAURIE WILLIAMS, an authors' agent. He introduced himself to her as (u)

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~~MAURICE WEBER~~ and told her he had written his first play called "Little Women" and that he was sending it to her for review and opinion. He advised that ~~RICHARD CONTE~~ had told him to get in touch with her. (u) (S) (C) 4

On September 12, 1946 LENORA WEINSTEIN was in touch with ADELE LEVINE and a general discussion took place in which ADELE stated that the press is prejudiced against the Independent Citizens Committee and for this reason they do not publish announcements of their meetings. (u) (S) (C) 4

On September 13, 1946 LENORA WEINSTEIN in a conversation with MIDGE CHORODOV RADOM discussed a story that appeared in the "Herald Tribune" regarding RUTH MCKENNY and BRUCE WINTON being expelled from the Communist Party. They also discussed HENRY WALLACE's speech that took place in Madison Square Garden the evening before. LENORA stated that ABE had predicted WALLACE's position and that ABE states it is not the line that is wrong but rather the approach. LENORA expressed the opinion that WALLACE will stick in the Democratic framework although he is in line with the Liberals. MIDGE stated that she did not understand WALLACE's speech and thought that he was trying to break away from the Liberals. LENORA disagreed with this observation. (u) (S) (C) u

On September 20, 1946 a conversation again took place between LENORA WEINSTEIN and MIDGE CHORODOV RADOM at which time they discussed the fact that HAROLD ICKES was resigning to become a columnist. They also said they thought it was terrible that WALLACE had been kicked out and that in their opinion it was a loss for the Democratic Party. (u) (S) (C) u

On September 30, 1946 LENORA WEINSTEIN contacted BETTY HEART at her home in Bayridge, Brooklyn. In the conversation that took place BETTY advised that she had bought a house in Long Island and that she expected to be married very shortly but the date had not as yet been set. She did state that she intended to be married at a simple ceremony with the Justice of the Peace and she was to be married to a person named CHUCK ALDRICH. (u) (S) (C) u

The following information was obtained with the assistance of Confidential Informant [redacted] who was in a position to furnish information regarding contacts made by Dr. WEINSTEIN and his associates at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53d Street, New York, New York: (u) (S) (C) b2 b7D

On September 9, 1946 JOSEPH ELSON, husband of RAY ELSON, who is a subject of the instant investigation, contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and cancelled an appointment that he had for 2:30 p.m. on (u) (S) (C) 4

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that date. He stated that he would contact the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN later in the week for another appointment. (u)

On September 10, 1946 an unknown woman contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and wanted to know if Mr. THEODORE BAUMGOLD was presently at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN. This person was advised that Mr. BAUMGOLD was not there at that time. (u)

On September 16, 1946 an appointment was made for a Mrs. TED BAUMGOLD at 11:30 p.m. on the following date. Mrs. TED BAUMGOLD is the wife of THEODORE BAUMGOLD who was known to have resided for a considerable length of time in Antwerp, Belgium, and who was previously reported to have received a cablegram from Dr. WEINSTEIN in New York City. (u)

On September 16, 1946 TED BAUMGOLD himself contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and asked if it would be possible for him to keep a luncheon appointment with his wife who was at that time at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN. (u)

On September 13, 1946 HERBERT MAY, a known contact of Dr. WEINSTEIN, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office and stated that he had been very busy and for this reason he had been unable to see the doctor. He stated that he would be unable to see the doctor the following week as he had to go to Chicago but he would be in New York City the week following that and would see Dr. WEINSTEIN. (u)

On September 17, 1946 MAX WEISS, Secretary of the Education, Agitation and Publication Department of the National Communist Party contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and made an appointment for his wife for the following Thursday at 11:30 a.m. At the same time BETTY HEART, secretary to Dr. WEINSTEIN, asked MAX WEISS if he had any literature and MAX asked her what kind. BETTY said she would speak to ABE and contact him later. (u)

On September 18, 1946 an employee of the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN was in contact with THEODORE BAUMGOLD and at that time he advised her that he was going to be traveling abroad for the next twelve months and he would be staying for the most part at the Century Hotel, Antwerp, Belgium. (u)

On September 18, 1946 BETTY HEART was in contact with an unknown individual and at that time she stated that an old friend of his was going to lecture regarding recruiting for the professionals and that he wanted to obtain a complete history, birth and background of the (u)

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organization. BETTY said that if this material would be ready, she would have someone from their office pick it up at 10:30 the following morning, at Room 912, 35 East 12th Street. It should be noted that this is the address of the Communist Party in New York City. (u)

On September 19, 1946 Dr. WEINSTEIN in a conversation with his brother, JOSEPH WEINSTEIN, discussed the business that JOSEPH WEINSTEIN is engaged in and in this discussion they spoke of the ingredients that are necessary for the making of soap. Dr. ABE WEINSTEIN stated that tri-sodium phosphate is the most necessary ingredient. In this connection ABE stated that he has a friend with him named HARRY RUBIN who is in the export business at 8 West 40th Street, Room 3, and according to WEINSTEIN, RUBIN could make a contact with the Soviets for the tri-sodium phosphate. Arrangements were made to have JOE WEINSTEIN come to the office of HARRY RUBIN to complete this negotiation. (u)

On September 20, 1946 ABE WEINSTEIN was in contact with his secretary, BETTY HEART. At that time BETTY advised Dr. WEINSTEIN that the BAUMGOLD's were at his office. (u)

On September 24, 1946 JULIUS LITCHENFELD, who is the brother of JACK LITCHENFELD, the accountant for Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office and asked him for a contribution to aid EDWARD B. MORAN, an attorney who is running for Congress in the 25th Congressional District. JULIUS stated that MORAN was endorsed by the A.L.P. and was "a dyed-in-the-wool Communist". ABE agreed to send a \$10 contribution to aid the cause of MORAN. (u)

On September 24, 1946 HARRY RUBIN, who was previously mentioned, contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and advised that cables had been sent to Russia with regard to obtaining the tri-sodium phosphate but that no answer had been received as yet. (u)

On September 30, 1946 DON AMTER, son of ISRAEL AMTER, a functionary in the Communist Party, contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and made an appointment for 4 p.m. on that date. (u)

On October 8, 1946 FRANCES ALEXANDER, an employee in the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN, was in contact with a friend of hers who was identified by the first name of HILDA. FRANCES stated that a swell friend of theirs sneaked into Spain and interviewed a lot of high officials. She stated that he had just gotten back and that he had some kind of a disease and that at present he was in the hospital. This sick friend was merely identified by the first name of TED. The last name was not mentioned. (u)

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X Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that on September 20, 1946 MIDGE CHODOROV RADOM was in contact with MABEL POLLACK who is an employee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. MIDGE gave the following address as a contributor to MABEL for the plan for "Save a Child Campaign":

LENORA WEINSTEIN,
23 Ralsey Road South,
Stamford, Connecticut

This is the wife of Dr. ABE WEINSTEIN.

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On September 25, 1946 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that an unknown woman at the home of ABE WEINSTEIN in Stamford, Connecticut, [REDACTED] b2 b7I b

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At 3:05 p.m. BETTY HEART contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and asked if Dr. ABE was there. The girl stated that Dr. ABE was at ELROY WEBER's office at that time. The girl at the office of WEINSTEIN informed BETTY HEART that she had told ABE that BETTY was on an errand for Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN. BETTY stated that she had just left KAZANIEV and was having lunch.

In connection with [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED] She was observed to leave the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53d Street by these agents at approximately 1:30 p.m. and she was carrying a large brown Manila envelope approximately eighteen inches by nine inches. Prior to hailing a taxicab outside the building at 20 East 53d Street, An individual who was believed to be Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN called to her and a copy of whatever was in the brown envelope was handed by BETTY HEART to the party believed to be Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN and he proceeded to the office at 20 East 53d Street. b1

The following information was obtained from a mail cover maintained on the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53d Street, New York, New York:

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked September 12, 1946 from the Division of Veterans Affairs, 111 Broadway, New York City.

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked September 13, 1946 from the American Youth for Democracy, 150 Nassau Street, New York, New York.

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked September 20, 1946 from A. HERMAN, CBS, care of REUKERS REIMA 15, Madrid, Spain.

He was also in receipt of a letter postmarked September 21, 1946 from ALPHONSO PANJUL, Apartment 16, Havana, Cuba.

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Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked September 23, 1946 from BAUMGOLD BROTHERS, INC., 62-72 West 47th Street, New York, New York. (S) (X) u

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked October 2, 1946 from the American-Soviet Medical Society, 58 Park Avenue, New York, New York. (S) (X) u

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DONALD NEVIN WHEELER

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago Field Division dated July 11, 1946 in which it is requested that the indices of the New York Field Division be checked in the name of RICHARD WATT who recently moved to 138 Woodland Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois. WATT is a correspondent of WHEELER. (u)

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked with negative results.

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HARRY DEXTER WHITE

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated July 13, 1946, in which it is requested that I. ~~ORKIN~~ residing at 205 West 89th Street, New York City, be identified. This individual has been a correspondent of HARRY DEXTER WHITE. (u)

JOHN BOETKE, assistant superintendent at 205 West 89th Street, advised that there is no I. ORKIN residing at the premises, but that AARON ~~ORKIN~~ resides in apartment 7H at the premises. BOETKE stated that ~~ORKIN~~ has resided there for the last three years, and that he occupies an apartment consisting of six rooms and two baths. He further stated that ORKIN is presently at Port Chester, New York. BOETKE could furnish no information concerning ORKIN.

JAMES CLARK, superintendent at the same premises, advised that AARON ~~ORKIN~~, his wife and son, reside at those premises. CLARK continued that ORKIN formerly had resided in Port Chester, New York, and the records reflect that he has occupied a six-room apartment since October, 1943 at an annual rental of \$1,800. CLARK stated that ORKIN was employed as a public accountant in downtown Manhattan, New York City. He stated that he was a man about 55 years of age, 5' 8" tall, medium build, and described ORKIN and his family as a typical American family whose loyalty was unquestionable.

The indices of the New York Office were checked against the name of ORKIN with negative results.

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HARRY DEXTER WHITE

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated July 13, 1946, in which the New York Office was requested to ascertain the identity of ~~THEODOR~~ LEE residing at 208 West 23rd Street.

J. C. BONNEAU, Manager of the Carteret Hotel, West 23rd Street, advised that THEODORE LEE resided at the hotel with CHARLES GILBERT and M. ZAMRAN, and that they occupy a two-room apartment paying \$115 per month. He further advised that they occupied room 1006. The records reflected that LEE registered on July 3, 1943 and formerly resided in Washington, D. C.

BONNEAU stated that LEE kept very much to himself, and to his knowledge had very few visitors at the hotel. He further stated that LEE went to business every day but he did not know where he worked. He could furnish no further information.

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked against LEE's name with negative results.

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HARRY DEXTER WHITE

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated July 13, 1946 in which it is requested that the New York Field Office ascertain the identity of, and furnish background information concerning ~~J. SCHUMAN~~, 166 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. M. KALIL, owner of the building at 166 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that Mrs. ~~SCHUMAN~~ and her son, JULIAN, have occupied a two-room apartment in the building for the last five years. Mrs. KALIL continued that JULIAN was recently discharged from the Army, and that he is a young Jewish fellow about 22 or 23 years of age. She further stated that Mrs. SCHUMAN is a widow employed as a bookkeeper, about 50 years of age, and is a Christian Scientist. She further stated that Mrs. SCHUMAN and her son, JULIAN, were quiet tenants having very few visitors and remaining pretty much to themselves.

ALFRED HONIG residing at 166 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted, and advised that Mrs. SCHUMAN had been a resident of that building for several years. HONIG continued that Mrs. SCHUMAN is a middle-aged Jewish woman, about 50 years of age, probably born in Germany, and that she goes to work every day.



The indices of the New York Field Division were checked against JULIAN SCHUMAN with negative results.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
October 17, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: ²GREGORY CASE
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of SIS 752 dated October 10, 1946, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, wherein information is set forth reflecting contact made by Subject BERNARD S. REDMONT with WILLIAM A. WIELAND, Press Attaché of the United States Embassy, Rio de Janeiro.

Although there is no specific evidence reflecting that WIELAND might be connected with the alleged espionage activity of REDMONT, it has been deemed advisable to obtain further background information on this individual. During the past two years the writer has conferred with WIELAND several times on which occasions he expressed his views on the Brazilian and international political situations. It was observed that he was sympathetic to Russia during the war years; that he professed friendship with known members of the Communist Party of Brazil, such as ECIDIO S. JUEFF, APARICIO TORELLY, and PEDRO KOTTA LIMA; and that he has commended the socialist programs of the Communist Party of Brazil.

(A) It will be recalled that in the investigation of REDMONT's activities in Rio de Janeiro, [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED] Sometime during May, 1946, the writer conferred with WIELAND regarding the newspaper writings of various Brazilian journalists, and WIELAND was asked if he knew a journalist named CARLOS MONTENEGRO. On this occasion WIELAND visibly was embarrassed and startled. He thereupon

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declared that he did not know any journalist in Brazil by that name but that he himself had used the name of MONTENEGRO when writing for newspapers and magazines a few years ago. WIELAND was not pressed for any further information on this matter inasmuch as it was believed that such action would jeopardize the investigation in the instant case.

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It is requested that the Bureau, through sources in Washington, D. C., endeavor to obtain further background data on WIELAND and to ascertain if he has been engaged in Communist

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activities. It also is requested that the Bureau obtain further identifying data on WILLIAM MONTENEGRO, bearing in mind that he may be identical to WIELAND. The utmost discretion is recommended in conducting any investigation of WIELAND's past activities.

Four copies of this letter are being made available in the event the Bureau desires to transmit this information to New York City and to the Bureau representative at Ottawa, Canada. Two copies of this letter are being designated for the Havana Office, and it is suggested that that office make a very discreet inquiry with a view of obtaining pertinent data on [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

SAM J. PAPICH
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: October 24, 1946

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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 Miss Gandy

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 23, 1946, directed to the Washington Field Office requesting background information concerning Mrs. FRIEDA FABKIN. It is noted that FRIEDA FABKIN was brought to the attention of the Bureau by New York City Field Office report in instant case made by Special Agent JOHN T. HILSBOS and dated June 14, 1946.

Mrs. FABKIN was quoted in the above-mentioned report as residing at 3711 Canal Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., and it was stated that Mrs. FABKIN had an appointment with Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN in New York City on June 12, 1946.

Inquiries made at 3711 Canal Road, N. W., reflect that this residence has been owned for a number of years by a Mrs. BERTA SCHWARTZ and that she has made a practice of renting it as a furnished unit on a monthly basis. Neighbors, who were unable to identify the name FABKIN with any of the previous lessees, advised that several of the lessees had, in turn, sublet rooms in the house to others. The present occupants state that they have purchased the residence, having concluded the sale with Mrs. SCHWARTZ, which latter party, they have been advised, departed Washington upon giving them possession of her home. The Georgetown Post Office, which covers this area, was unable to furnish information as to FRIEDA FABKIN or Mrs. SCHWARTZ. The postman had no recollection of any mail having been delivered to 3711 Canal Road for Mrs. FABKIN. Likewise, the Civil Service records, credit bureau records, Washington Field Office indices and other general sources of information are negative as to the name of FRIEDA FABKIN.

In view of the foregoing, no further efforts are being made at this time to identify this party.

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JULES KORCHEIN

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The following information appears in the Bureau's files concerning Jules Korchein;

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Jules Korchein presently resides in Apartment 4-A, 46 Washington Square South, New York City, and he is a sub-lessee of Joris Ivens, a Dutch Communist, now Film Commissioner in the Dutch East Indies. Korchein practices his profession as an architect in Room 1606, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City and is a partner in A. Brothman and Associates, Consulting Engineers consisting of five partners, three of whom are known Communists.

Jules Korchein is the son of Russian-born parents who came to the United States from Russia in 1899. The father subsequently became a citizen and resides in Rochester, New York. He was married on March 8, 1932 to Lillian Levitch and two children were born of this marriage. However, he has since separated from his wife. Jules Korchein is a graduate of Cornell University.

COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS

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At one time Korchein was employed by the newspaper "PM." discontinued this employment in February, 1941.

Howard Rushmore, former Organization Secretary of the Communist Party, Des Moines, Iowa in 1940 advised that Korchein was a member of the Communist Party.

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Party. Also, in a speech made by Representative Martin Dies before the House of Representatives on March 21, 1941, in referring to Communist activities of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, ^{it was} stated that Jules Korchin, Secretary of that organization, is also a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Rights, Consulting Architect for the Soviet Government in Moscow and more recently housing expert for FEA and the Federal Housing Authority, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Professional Association.

In September, 1940, the New York Office reported that as a result of the Detroit arrests and the resulting publicity, the Communist Party had embarked upon a program to discredit the FBI and its Chief, Mr. Hoover. An informant stated that [REDACTED]

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Korchin was employed by the U. S. Housing authority until August 5, 1941 when he was discharged without prejudice because of reduction of personnel. [REDACTED]

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The Fall term catalog (September - December, 1944) of the Jefferson School of Social Science on Page 16 carried the course announcement, "Housing [REDACTED]"

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and Community Planning," to be given on Tuesday evenings by Julius Korchheim and others. This course was described as "A series of lectures and discussions designed to acquaint the consumer and trade unionist with the problems of housing and city planning based upon his own housing needs, his neighborhood and the city of New York...."

The Daily Worker on April 7, 1945, contained a small advertisement of the Jefferson School of Social Science announcing that "Korchheim, International Vice President of FAECT, will speak on housing and its relation to the community, at 575 Sixth Avenue," the address of the school on April 8, 1945.

ACTIVITIES IN GREGORY CASE

As has been previously stated, Korchheim is one of the partners in the firm of A. Brothman and Associates in New York City.

You may perhaps recall that, according to Informant Gregory, in approximately May of 1940, Jacob Golos, the Russian Agent, introduced Gregory to Abe Brothman, who was employed in the Republic Steel Company, New York City as an engineer. After Gregory met Brothman he indicated that he had some blue prints to be copied and the copies delivered to Golos. Gregory met Brothman approximately ten times until sometime in the Fall of 1940. Sometimes Golos would meet Brothman to obtain these blue prints direct but whenever these appointments could not be handled personally, Gregory would execute them.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN GREGORY CASE

Julius Korchheim is the partner of Ursula Wasserman, a suspected Communist and Soviet espionage agent who is presently in South America and since her departure from the United States, Korchheim has been living in her apartment at 110 Christopher Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] Subsequently (C) upon the departure of Wasserman it was determined that she had among her personal effects an address book in which appeared the names of numerous A

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Communist Party members and fellow travelers, including the name of Arthur Alexandrovich Adams, a known Soviet espionage agent. *24*

Subsequently, on March 9, 1946, Mary Jane Keeney, wife of Philip O. Keeney, a known contact of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and Maurice Halperin of the Gregory Case in Washington, arrived in New York City on the SS Mit Victory from France. Mrs. Keeney had been on a mission for the United States Government as a member of the staff of the Allied Commission of Reparations. Immediately upon her arrival she was met by Jules Korchin and they proceeded to Ursula Wasserman's apartment.

On the same date Mary Jane Keeney was observed to meet Joseph Bernstein, a suspected Soviet agent, and she was observed to pass an envelope to Bernstein and subsequently Bernstein was observed to pass this similar envelope to Alexander Trachtenberg, a known Communist Party functionary in New York City.

While Mary Jane Keeney was away from Korchin's apartment mentioned above, the New York Office determined through an entry into the apartment that among the items of Korchin there was a 1943 Communist Party of the USA Membership Book, bearing No. 9262, with Jules Korchin's name on the front page of the book. *(C)*

ACTION:

In view of the seriousness of the above allegations and the known background and present activities of Korchin, it is highly desirable that the New York Office closely cover the activities of Jules Korchin for a limited period in order to determine if he or any of his intermediaries are in contact with Benjamin Cohen.

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If you approve, there is attached hereto a letter to the New York Office instructing it to proceed along these lines, and instructing the Washington Field Office to discreetly determine the local residence of Benjamin Cohen and thereafter place a mail cover in effect. *24*

You may recall that Ben Cohen was instrumental in "fixing" the case against John Stewart Service in the Jaffe case.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: October 24, 1946

FROM : D. M. Ladd


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Korchien is presently residing at 28 East 10th Street, New York City, and is a partner in the firm of A. Brothman Associates, consulting engineers, consisting of five partners, three of whom are known Communists. One of the partners, Abe Brothman, is also a subject in the Gregory case.

On referenced memorandum you made a notation desiring to know what developments had been made in this case to date.

For your information, 

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None. The foregoing is for your information.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
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October 18, 1946

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Reference is made to the letter of October 2, 1946, from the Washington Field Division to Milwaukee with copy to Chicago in the above-captioned matter, which indicates that ABEL PLENN was leaving Washington on October 4, 1946, for Chicago, Illinois, and Milwaukee and expected to return to Washington the following Wednesday.

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The above is the extent of the information which was developed by this office in connection with PLENN's appearance in Chicago. (C) b1

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DIRECTOR

GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R.

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ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, MAGDOFF

INDICATED HE PLANNED TO TAKE TRAIN FOR PHILADELPHIA FOLLOWING MORNING
RETURNING ON THREE PM TRAIN THURSDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY FOUR. ON OCTOBER
TWENTY TWO, SILVERMAN CONTACTED MAGDOFF DISCUSSING POLITICAL ORGANIZATION
PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED INVOLVING HARRY WHITE ETAL. IN BEGINNING CONVERSATION
SILVERMAN MENTIONED HURRYING TO AN APPOINTMENT WITH TAYLOR, WHOM HE STATED
HE ONCE KNEW AS A BIG FAT MAN WITH LARGE FACE. HE AND MAGDOFF REFERRED TO
TAYLOR DISPARAGINGLY, BOTH AGREEING HE WAS ALWAYS CONFUSED. SILVERMAN STATED
HE KNEW HIM IN NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR WHEN SILVERMAN WAS DOING SPECIAL JOB ON
LOW COST HOUSING. APPARENTLY THIS REFERENCE IS TO WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.
POLITICAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SILVERMAN AND MAGDOFF SOMEWHAT VAGUE. THEY
APPARENTLY CONTEMPLATE CREATING AN ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED
BY HARRY WHITE NOR DEPENDENT ON AN INDIVIDUAL LIKE HENRY WALLACE WHICH COULD

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[X] OF GETTING CIO INTO GENERAL SCHEME. SILVERMAN SPOKE IN TERMS OF SECURING EMPLOYMENT WHERE HE COULD WORK HALF TIME ON PROJECT AND HE URGED MAGDOFF OF IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING PLACE WHERE HE COULD DO SOME PROGRAMMING RATHER THAN TIE IN WITH GUY NAMED HENRY, PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO OFFER BY WALLACE OF POSITION TO MAGDOFF. [REDACTED]

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ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, INFORMANT ADVISED ANNE WHITE INDICATED HER

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[GUEST FROM OHIO IS THE WRITER BOY WHO SHE HAD NOT SEEN FOR YEARS. THIS
REFERENCE APPARENTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL PHIL STAYING WITH WHITES. ON
OCTOBER TWENTY THREE, JOEL FISHER ADVISED ANNE WHITE HE WAS NOT GOING WITH
WILSON WYATT HAVING TURNED DOWN THE JOB OFFERED HIM. HE STATED HE WAS
LEAVING FOR WEST COAST THAT NIGHT TO MEET IN LAWS AND WOULD RETURN ABOUT
NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, AFTER WHICH HE WAS GOING TO LONDON TO BE ASSISTANT
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DONALD NIVEN WHEELER and family left Rolling Bay, Washington on September 15, 1946, and indicated they will now return to 6400 MacArthur Blvd. N.W., Washington, D. C. **WHEELER** visited in Portland, Oregon in late July, 1946. Results of mail cover set forth. No other activities reported.

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Washington Field letters to Seattle dated June 12, 1946 and September 17, 1946;
Seattle letter to Washington Field dated July 18, 1946;
Report of SA **WILLIAM SAMUEL BROWN** at Portland dated September 18, 1946.

DETAILS:

A. H. RODAL, Postmaster, Rolling Bay, Washington, on July 16, 1946, advised that he had on that date talked to Mrs. **DONALD NIVEN WHEELER**, who indicated that she had just arrived at the Rolling Bay residence of **F. M. WHEELER**. The automobile which **DONALD WHEELER** was said to be driving as indicated in Washington Field letter of June 12, 1946, was noted near the **F. M. WHEELER** residence by the writer. Over the period since July 1, 1946, spot checks have been made at the address of Mrs. **WHEELER**'s mother, Mrs. **J. B. LUKES** at 1226 Warren Place, Seattle, with negative results as to the presence of **WHEELER**'s automobile, and it appears that the **WHEELERS** resided at Rolling Bay throughout their stay in the State of Washington. On July 25, 1946, Postmaster **RODAL** telephonically stated that **WHEELER** had left Rolling Bay but was to return there for the balance of the summer in a few weeks. It should be noted

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that in the [mail cover] maintained at Rolling Bay was a letter dated July 26, 1946 at Portland, Oregon from DONALD WHEELER, care of HELMS, 7414 SE 19th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, to Mrs. F. M. WHEELER at Rolling Bay, Washington. It, therefore, appears that WHEELER was going to this Portland address when Postmaster RODAL advised the Seattle office of the departure. In a communication received August 1, 1946 from RODAL, he advised that WHEELER had returned to Rolling Bay for the rest of the season. (X)u

In a letter received by the Seattle Field Division on September 30, 1946, RODAL advised that DONALD WHEELER left Rolling Bay about September 15, 1946 to return to Washington, D. C., and that he was living at the same address as before, 6400 MacArthur Boulevard NW, Washington 16, D. C. A mail cover was maintained on DONALD NIVEN WHEELER at the Seattle Post Office to cover any mail received by WHEELER at the 1226 Warren Place address. On August 23, 1946, a postcard was received at 1226 Warren Place addressed to Mr. and Mrs. DONALD WHEELER, c/o Mrs. J. B. LUKES from Browning, Montana. The postcard was signed "PAUL, RUTH, DON" and an illegible name, possibly "IRA" or "IRMA". On September 6, 1946, a letter to Mr. & Mrs. DONALD N. WHEELER was received from F. F. VAUSE, 627 NW 9th Street, Pendleton, Oregon, postmarked Pendleton, September 4, 1946. (X)u

At Rolling Bay, Washington, a mail cover was maintained on the WHEELERS and the following results are set forth: (X)u

ADDRESSOR	ADDRESSEE	POSTMARK
Danielson, Apt. 21 501 W 121st St., New York, N. Y.	Mr. & Mrs. DONALD NIVEN WHEELER	New York, July 16, 1946
N. M. Burgess 6109 Broad St., Washington 16, D. C.	Mr. DONALD N. WHEELER	Washington July 13, 1946
Mrs. F. F. Vause 627 NW 9th St., Pendleton, Ore.	Mrs. DONALD N. WHEELER	Pendleton July 14, 1946
American Tel. & Tel. Co. 195 Broadway New York 7, N. Y.	Mrs. MARY LUKES WHEELER	New York July 13, 1946
Apt. 105 200 Rhode Island Ave. NE Washington 2, D. C.	DONALD WHEELER	Washington, D. C. July 18

G. S. Wheeler
Manpower Division
CAGUS APO 742
New York, N. Y.

STEVE VAUSE
NANCY DANIELSON
c/o WHEELER
Rolling Bay, Wash.

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J. W. Danielson
Apt. 21
501 W. 121st St.,
Bell Bates Co.
44 Day St.,
New York City, N.Y.

FRANK M. WHEELER

New York
July 17, 1946

Spanish Refugee Appeal
of the JAFRC
704 Lloyd Building
Seattle

Mrs. F. M. WHEELER

Seattle
July 23, 1946

David L. Goas
4075 Minnesota Ave. NE
Washington 19, D. C.

Mr. DONALD WHEELER

Washington
July 19, 1946

Rochdale Cooperative
2513-14th St. NW
Washington, D. C.

DONALD WHEELER

Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. DONALD N. WHEELER

July 16, 1946

Donald Wheeler
c/o Helms
7414 SE 19th Ave.
Portland, Ore.

Mrs. F. M. WHEELER

Portland
July 26, 1946

Coleman
1822 No. Kenmore
Arlington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M.
WHEELER

Wilmington, Va.

B. Chalmer
3115 SE 7th
Portland 6, Ore.

Mrs. W. W. BARRETT
c/o F. M. WHEELER
Rolling Bay

Portland, Oregon
July 29

F. G. Barrett
530 NW 23rd Ave.
Portland, Oregon

Mrs. W. W. BARRETT
c/o W. F. WHEELER
Rolling Bay

Robert C. Lea, Jr.,
1500 Walnut St.
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Mr. DONALD M. WHEELER

V. C. Vause
627 NW 9th St.
Pendleton, Ore.

Mrs. DONALD M. WHEELER

Pendleton
August 1

Miss Clementine Branch
6408 MacArthur Blvd.
Washington 16, D. C.

Miss SUSAN ~~WHEELER~~

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DRE/HS Hughes
Rm. 702 War Annex 1
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Mr. DONALD WHEELER

July 29, 1946

Mrs. Gordon H. Berg
627 NW 9th
Pendleton, Oregon

Mrs. DONALD M. ~~WHEELER~~

Pendleton
August 25, '46

DONALD WHEELER

Cambridge, Ohio
August 24, 1946

C. Soe
769 Argyle R. (1)
Brooklyn 30, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. DON WHEELER

August 6, 1946

In addition to the above letters directed to DONALD WHEELER and his wife, they received three letters from the University of Chicago law school, two letters from the Texas Company at Norfolk, Virginia, letters from the Continental Law Company and the War Assets Regional Office at Richmond, Virginia, from the Southern California Gas Company and the Southern California Edison Company at Edison, California, from the San Diego Gas & Electric Company; letters from the Sinclair Refining Company at New York, and from the Shell Oil Company, the Lord Baltimore filling station and Standard Oil of New Jersey, all at Baltimore, Md.; two letters from the Potomac Electric Company, five from the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, one each from the Hecht Company and from the Petroleum Heat and Power Company, all of Washington, D. C. It is noted that a great number of communications directed to the FRANK M. WHEELERS at Rolling Bay were not set forth and only those were set forth which were believed of possible interest to this investigation. (S)u

It is noted that the FRANK WHEELERS received several pieces of mail from "HASTAY", 501 W. 121st Street, New York, N. Y. The indices of the Seattle Field Division and various sources of information were checked with negative results as to any additional activity on the part of the DONALD NIVEN WHEELERS while in the Seattle Field Division. It is noted that this office does not maintain coverage of the Bainbridge Island branch of the Communist Party, which covers the territory including Rolling Bay, Washington, and their contact with CP members there would be unreported. (AW)

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THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Bellevue, Washington, will, as requested in Washington Field Office letter of September 17, 1946 re: FRED W. NEAL, ascertain the identity of "PEGGY", Route 3, Box 60, Bellevue, Washington.

(Handwritten initials)

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August 9, 1946

THE DIRECTOR

D. M. LADD

ALGER HISS;
GUSTAVO DURAN

o Gregory

Pursuant to your request, there is attached hereto short memorandums reflecting the activities of Alger Hiss and Gustavo Duran, both of the State Department.

Attachment

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~~ALGER~~ HISS - Summary

Alger Hiss has been connected with the State Department since 1936. On November 16, 1944, he was made Deputy Director in the Office of Special Political Affairs, and in 1945 he was Secretary General to the United Nations Conference on International Organization held at San Francisco, California. He is at present serving with the State Department on United Nations matters.

Prior to his employment with the State Department he was from 1929 to 1930 secretary to Justice Holmes of the U. S. Supreme Court. Later he was connected with law firms in New York City and on May 12, 1933, he was made Principal Attorney in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. In 1935 he was employed as a Special Attorney by the Department of Justice.

He is a subject in the Gregory case and was reported to have been one of the principal contacts of a group of subagents in an espionage underground parallel operating in the government in Washington, D. C.

According to Dies Committee records, Alger Hiss was reported to be a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, an alleged Communist front organization. His wife, Priscilla, is also reported to be a member of the same organization.

According to information made available by Whittaker Chambers a former member of the Communist Party, Alger Hiss was a member of the Communist Party as late as 1937 and was a member of the underground and was quite active with a group in Baltimore, Maryland. He is reported to have been active in the underground Communist Party movement in Washington, D. C., as late as 1945.

Whittaker Chambers stated that there was no reason to believe that Alger Hiss had ever broken with the Communist Party. On one occasion the informant made a special trip to the home of Alger Hiss in Washington with the intention of talking to him in an effort to persuade Hiss to leave the Communist Party. After exhaustive efforts and an all night session with Hiss, the informant said that Hiss with tears in his eyes refused to break with the Communist Party and gave as his reasons his loyalty to his friends and his principles. The informant said that in his opinion one of the strongest reasons for Hiss' maintaining contact with the Communist Party was the fanatic loyalty to the Party on the part of his wife.

Alger Hiss recently attended the United Nations Conference in London and shortly after his return to the United States in February, 1946, at his own request, Hiss was interviewed by a Bureau representative at which time he failed to furnish any additional information concerning himself and his past activities.

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Honorable George E. Allen
Director
Reconstruction Finance Corporation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear George:

I thought the President and you would be interested in the following information which was obtained from a source regarded as completely reliable:

The President has previously been furnished information concerning Charles Kramer, with alias Charles Krevitsky, who has been identified as a Soviet espionage agent and who is presently associated with Senator Claude Pepper. It is known that Kramer writes many speeches for Senator Pepper.

SILVERMASTER

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. ON OCTOBER TWENTYSIX CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED LILLIAN DUNAWAY TOLD MARY JANE KEENEY SHE HAD FEELING DAVID WANTS PHILIP TO GO BACK TO WORK, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO DAVID WAHL AND HER HUSBAND PHILIP DUNAWAY. PRECISE SIGNIFICANCE THIS REMARK NOT KNOWN, DUNAWAY BEING EMPLOYED AT STATE DEPARTMENT. MRS. DUNAWAY AND KEENEY DISCUSSED BRITISH TRADE UNION VOTE AGAINST BEVIN FOREIGN POLICY ENTHUSIASTICALLY. ON SAME DATE KEENEY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT ROSE ANTERSON, KNOWN COMMUNIST. ON OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE MAGDOFF RETURNED FROM NY. FOLLOWING DAY HE CONTACTED FITZGERALD DISCUSSING AT LENGTH PROGRESS WITH NEW YORK GROUP INTERESTED IN CREATING COUNCIL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE. MAGDOFF STATED THEY WANT HIM FOR MANAGER OF THEIR PROJECT IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, HE IS DELAYING ANY ACCEPTANCE AND APPARENTLY ENDEAVORING TO PROMOTE HIS OWN IDEA. THEY DISCUSSED THEIR EMPLOYMENT AT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT AND FITZGERALD INDICATED BOTH MAY BE OUT OF JOB AS HARRIMAN HAD THROWN FEW STRAWS INTO THE WIND. THEREAFTER MAGDOFF CONTACTED SILVERMAN AND KAPLAN ALONG SAME LINES. ON OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED PERLO CONTACTED BEADIE MAGDOFF CONCERNING VISIT THAT DAY FINALLY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO GET TOGETHER NEXT WEEKEND. ON OCTOBER TWENTYSIX INFORMANT ADVISED CATHERINE HURLEY CONFERRED WITH DORIS FLENN CONCERNING BOOKSHOP MEETING PREVIOUS NIGHT TO HEAR UOMA SUEZ, PHONETIC, TALK ON CHINA. THIS SPEAKER COMPLAINED ABOUT SMALL ORGANIZATION

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[AND FELT BOOKSHOP SHOULD TIE UP WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION. PLENN AND HURLEY AGREED THEY ALWAYS HAVE SAME GROUP AND ARE NOT GETTING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THEY EXPRESSED PLEASURE IN RESULT OF CHILEAN ELECTION AND DORIS STATED ABEL IS ELATED AT NEWS CONCERNING FRANCO. THEY MENTIONED THE AUTHOR SUEZ ABOVE TALKING ABOUT MURIEL DRAPER AND MARY JANE KEENEY AND ALSO MAKING REFERENCE TO CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN WHICH IS ONLY ONE WHICH ACCEPTS RUSSIAN WOMEN. [REDACTED]

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(c) ON MORNING OCTOBER TWENTYSIX WHITE AND SILVERMAN MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET TOGETHER. SILVERMAN MENTIONED MAGDOFF HAD GONE DOWN PRESUMABLY TO NEW YORK, AND WHITE STATED HE HAD LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT THAT MATTER ALSO. ON OCTOBER TWENTYSIX VIRGINIA BERRY BHTA, STAYING WITH PLENNIS, CONTACTED WHITE CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND

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NATURALIZATION PAPERS OF HER HUSBAND APPARENTLY. SHE DISCUSSED GOING OVER
PAPERS WITH NICK ~~COTRELL~~, ~~STATE~~ ~~JUSTICE~~ DEPARTMENT. SHE MADE APPOINTMENT TO
SEE WHITE THAT AFTERNOON IN HIS OFFICE. ON OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE WHITE ADVISED
WIFE RANDOLPH ~~FELTUS~~ WAS IN TOWN AND HE WOULD BRING HIM HOME FOR SUPPER.
SAME DATE FELTUS HAD LUNCH WITH SUBJECT MILLER.

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Re: GREGORY
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Dear Sir:

There are being set out herein the recent activities of Confidential Informant GREGORY, especially as they relate to her visit to Washington, D. C., on September 24 and 25, 1946, and her recent conversations with WILLIAM E. BROWDER, brother of EARL BROWDER.

On September 23, 1946, GREGORY advised that she and JOHN H. REYNOLDS, President of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, were going to Washington the following day for a conference with ERNEST C. ROPES, Chief of the Russian Division of the Office of International Trade, U. S. Department of Commerce. The purpose of this conference was to secure Mr. ROPES' opinion as to the advisability of their firm's continuing in business, it being recalled that the contract under which it is presently operating expires October 31, 1946. It is also to be noted that prior to his trip to Russia in June, 1946, Mr. ROPES had informed GREGORY and Mr. REYNOLDS that he would attempt to do what he could in Moscow towards securing a new and favorable contract for them. It was also learned on the occasion of this conversation with GREGORY that REYNOLDS had definitely made up his mind to have nothing further to do with EARL BROWDER; this attitude appears to be the result of the recent change in public sentiment towards Russia and the fact that REYNOLDS no longer feels friendly towards the USSR. GREGORY also declared that she was supposed to confer with WILLIAM E. BROWDER on September 27, 1946, such arrangement having been made on the occasion of their previous visit.

On September 25, 1946, GREGORY advised by telephone from Washington that she and REYNOLDS had just concluded their conference with Mr. ROPES and that inasmuch as the latter felt there might be need for the firm's registering as an agent of a foreign principal, he had made an appointment for GREGORY and REYNOLDS to confer with LOUIS MINZER (possibly NIMZER), an attorney in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, with offices at 929 D Street, Washington.

On October 2, 1946, GREGORY advised Special Agents F. D. O'Brien and J. M. Kelly of this Division that she and REYNOLDS had conferred with

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Mr. ROPES for approximately two and a half hours on September 25, 1946, and during the conference had learned that ROPES discussed the matter of a new contract with the head of Intourist in Moscow on the occasion of his recent visit there. She continued that according to ROPES, this individual did not profess any great interest in extending a new contract and was not at all optimistic about the possibility of continued operation by the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. ROPES declared that this conversation was the only step he had been able to take in Moscow towards furthering the interests of the American company.

REYNOLDS explained to ROPES that he had recently received from Intourist a proposed new contract already signed by Intourist, but that he felt certain clauses therein, particularly one which provided that Intourist should have control of any advertising done by the American firm, were wholly objectionable to him and that he had virtually decided to liquidate the business. ROPES volunteered the opinion that he felt REYNOLDS should continue in business and that the Russian attitude might well change so that they would continue to permit REYNOLDS to have an exclusive franchise for the shipment of parcels to the USSR. GREGORY is of the opinion that REYNOLDS' attitude was dictated more by a desire to see commercial relations between this country and Russia improved and enlarged rather than by any ulterior motive, as she recalled that ROPES has often told her that he is not a Communist and does not like Communism, but that if the Russians desire that form of government, that is their concern and we should do our best to get along with them. Considerable time during the conference was consumed by an assistant to ROPES, who was called in to translate from the Russian a letter which REYNOLDS had received at the same time he received the above-mentioned contract. Photostatic copies of both the proposed contract prepared by Intourist, Moscow, and the letter accompanying it are being transmitted herewith as enclosures.

GREGORY said there was nothing additional of interest which she could recall from the meeting except that REYNOLDS remarked he had long been a personal friend of the newly-appointed Secretary of Commerce, W. A. Harriman, and that this fact seemed to impress ROPES. It was learned that in addition to ROPES, his assistant, HENRY WARE, was present at the conference; considerable information as to the background, activities and associates of WARE has previously been furnished in reports submitted in instant case by this office and the Washington Field Division. GREGORY said WARE did not have much to say and was not very familiar with the specific problem under discussion.

With further reference to the proposed contract dated August 5, 1946, prepared by Intourist, ROPES said he thought it would be advisable if REYNOLDS would confer with the Department of Justice as to the possible liability of the firm to registration as an agent of a foreign principal, and remarked that he knew an attorney in that section of the Department who

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could handle the matter. He thereupon proceeded to make an appointment for REYNOLDS and GREGORY with LOUIS MINZER (NIMZER) as mentioned above.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. REYNOLDS and GREGORY went to MINZER'S office and conferred with him and an associate whose name GREGORY believes to be LEVKIN (phonetic). During this discussion the history of REYNOLDS' operation of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation was reviewed, but no definite opinion was given by the Justice Department attorneys, who stated they would study the matter further. GREGORY also mentioned that during part of the conference there was present a third man whose identity she did not learn, and it was her opinion that he may well have been an agent of this Bureau, inasmuch as he seemed to be considerably more intelligent than the other two. It was also learned that during this conference REYNOLDS went into great detail as to his Army record in both World Wars, stressed his patriotism, and declared that he would gladly register if such action were deemed necessary by the Department. It was agreed that he would furnish a letter setting out the general picture of the corporation's operations and that he would be advised subsequently as to the need for registration.

It was also learned from Informant GREGORY on this occasion that following conferences with the firm's lawyers she drafted a radiogram to Intourist, Moscow, which was approved by REYNOLDS and dispatched on September 30, 1946. This message announced to Intourist the intentions of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation to discontinue business as of October 31, 1946, unless it received a new contract containing an exclusive concession in the United States; GREGORY made available a copy of this radiogram and a photostatic copy is being transmitted herewith. She also made available a copy of a letter prepared by Clark, Carr & Ellis, 120 Broadway, New York City, addressed to NATHAN T. ELLIFF, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., a photostatic copy of which is likewise enclosed.

It was also learned during this interview with GREGORY on October 2, 1946, that she had seen WILLIAM E. BROWDER the previous day, had told him of REYNOLDS' decision to discontinue business unless certain conditions were forthcoming from Intourist, and in response to BROWDER'S inquiries, told him that the business grossed between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per month. According to the informant, when BROWDER learned of the financial potential of the company, the fact that REYNOLDS was drawing \$2,000 per month salary and that the present liquidating net worth of the company would be slightly over \$50,000, he became very excited and declared that the firm must not be allowed to go out of business. He told informant that he and EARL had in mind an individual to buy the business, and when he learned that REYNOLDS had sent a rather strongly-worded radiogram to Intourist on September 30, 1946, he told informant that

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she should immediately attempt to get REYNOLDS to cable Intourist and countermand the cable. It was BROWDER'S plan, as he explained it, that REYNOLDS should agree to the terms proposed in the Intourist draft of the contract, that BROWDER would arrange the sale of the company from REYNOLDS to this unnamed individual for \$5,000, and that the purchaser would succeed to the contractual rights held by REYNOLDS. GREGORY was able to draw him out during this discussion and she is of the definite opinion that his extreme interest is due to the possibility of great financial return from company operations rather than to any possible use of the company for espionage work. On the occasion of this meeting with WILLIAM BROWDER, GREGORY advanced him the sum of \$500, which brings the total amount repaid to BROWDER to \$3,000, it being recalled that out of the original \$20,000 invested in the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation at the time of its formation, \$15,000 was made available by BROWDER, probably out of Communist Party funds rather than his own assets.

On October 3, 1946, GREGORY advised she had transmitted to REYNOLDS the proposition advanced by WILLIAM BROWDER as to the business, but that REYNOLDS was steadfast in his determination not to have any further dealings with either WILLIAM or EARL BROWDER, and declared that he did not intend to communicate with them nor to pay them any further money. He also appears to have no intention of sending a second cable to Intourist as requested by WILLIAM BROWDER.

The Bureau will be kept currently advised as to the status of negotiations between the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and Intourist, as well as the dealings between REYNOLDS and WILLIAM and EARL BROWDER.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC

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cc - Washington Field

cc - New York file 100-25693

- AGREEMENT -

between the

**USSR COMPANY FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET
UNION "INTOURIST", LTD., MOSCOW**

and

**U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION,
NEW YORK**

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AGREEMENT made this day of , 1946
between USSR Company for Foreign Travel to the Soviet Union,
"Intourist", Ltd., of 1 Gorki Street, Moscow, hereinafter
referred to as "Intourist" and U. S. Service and Shipping
Corporation, of 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York,
hereinafter referred to as "Usercorp".

W I T N E S S E T H:

That in consideration of the mutual covenants
herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

1. "Usercorp" shall organize on a broad scale
in the United States, Republic of Mexico and Dominion of
Canada forwarding by parcelpost from these countries to in-
dividuals residing in the USSR of parcels containing such
articles for the personal use of addressees as are permitted
to be imported by parcelpost into the USSR in conformity with
Customs and other regulations of the USSR, United States,
Republic of Mexico and Dominion of Canada which are in force
or may be issued hereafter, as well as with the provisions
of this agreement. All such governmental regulations shall
have precedence over the provisions of this agreement in case
of inconsistency.

2. For this purpose:

(a) "Usercorp" may organize such subsidiaries
and affiliated corporations and appoint such agents as "Usercorp"

may deem advisable, promptly informing "Intourist" about the name and address of such subsidiaries, affiliated corporations or agencies.

(b) "Uservoorp" shall comply with all regulations specifically and promptly communicated to "Uservoorp" by "Intourist" in respect of the contents, the weight brutto, the packing, forwarding, inspection and addressing of parcels and shall be responsible for the correctness of information concerning the same given to "Intourist" and to the consigners.

(c) "Uservoorp" shall publicize the list of articles permitted for the importation into the USSR, and advertise in newspapers, magazines and windows the service of forwarding parcels, as it may deem advisable within the meaning and scope of this agreement, but such publications and advertisements shall be previously agreed with "Intourist".

3. Each parcel dispatched by "Uservoorp" to the USSR shall not exceed five (5) kilogramme in brutto weight and shall be accompanied by an invoice filled up and signed by "Uservoorp" according to "Intourist's" instructions. Such invoices shall be made out at the expense of "Uservoorp". The form of such invoices may be changed by "Intourist" upon sixty (60) days prior written notice. The price for articles dispatched in parcels and indicated by "Uservoorp" in the invoice shall not be lower than the existing retail prices for same.

4. "Uservoorp" shall remit to "Intourist" for each parcel forwarded to the USSR the following:

(a) Official import duty in accordance with the attached list of articles permitted for importation into the USSR (as the same may be in force on the date of customs clearance of the parcel).

(b) Commission of ten percent. (10%) of the retail price of the articles contained in each parcel.

(c) An inspection fee of one dollar and fifty eight cents (\$1.58) for each parcel.

(d) A 1% insurance fee of the invoice total.

(e) A fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) for each "Usercorp" invoice.

5. "Usercorp" shall remit by TT amounts due for the expired month to the account of "Intourist" with the State Bank, Moscow, not later than on the 10th day of the following month and all various additional payments, if any, within 3 days from the date of the receipt of "Intourist's" notice calling for such payment.

With the view of assuring complete and timely payment of amounts due for the dispatched parcels under this agreement, "Usercorp" shall pay "Intourist" an advance of \$5,000.00 in cash.

The advance may be used by "Intourist" to cover the amounts due to it also in case this agreement becomes invalid owing to expiration of its term or to any other reason.

6. "Intourist" shall undertake to effect the Customs clearance of the parcels dispatched by "Usercorp" under this agreement for which purpose "Intourist" shall:

(a) Advise "Uservoorp" about articles permitted for importation into the USSR and about requirements of the USSR Customs authorities regarding the forwarding and about duties and charges to be paid.

(b) Make the necessary arrangements with USSR Custom and Postal authorities concerning official procedure and the forwarding of parcels to their destination, as well as effect payment of established duties and charges.

7. "Intourist" shall be responsible to "Uservoorp" for:

(a) The correctness of the information given to "Uservoorp" (on the date of its dispatch),

(b) The correctness and timeliness of Customs clearances and payments of duties and charges for arriving parcels,

(c) The correctness of calculation and retaining of amounts due to "Intourist" and to Custom authorities of the USSR.

"Intourist" shall not be responsible for loss or damage to parcels or for the refusal of the customs authorities to clear the same, but shall use its best efforts to effect customs clearance.

8. "Uservoorp" shall not without the written consent of "Intourist" assign the benefits or delegate the obligations of this agreement in part or in full to any person, firm or corporation.

9. In the event that any parcel or parcels are returned to the shipper, "Uservecorp" may refund to the shipper the duty collected on such parcel or parcels and deduct the amount of such refund from the moneys to be remitted to "Intourist" for the month in which such refund is made. No refund will be made of the commissions, fees and service charges collected from the shipper.

10. The infringement by one of the parties of any provision of this agreement shall give the other party the right of cancelling the agreement after ninety (90) days written notice.

11. All alterations of or supplements to this agreement shall be made only according to the procedure observed when concluding the original agreement.

12. This agreement is concluded for the period of three years.

13. All disputes between "Intourist" and "Uservecorp" shall be settled as far as possible by the administrations of the parties. Disputes not settled as indicated above shall be settled by the Foreign Trade Arbitration Commission at the All-Union Chamber of Commerce, Moscow, whose decisions are binding upon both parties and cannot be appealed.

14. The expenses involved in concluding and ex-

Executing this agreement, as well as postal and telegraph expenses connected with its fulfillment, incurred by parties in their own countries, shall be paid by each party, respectively.

dated: _____ 1948 U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING
CORPORATION

By: _____

dated: 5th August 1948 USSR TRAVEL COMPANY
"INTOURIST"

By: _____

We confirm the receipt of your letter of the 19th of June of this year with a draft of a contract for the forwarding of parcels in the period of time after the 1st October 1946.

We, with regret, are compelled to note that a number of points in your draft sharply diverge from our draft of the contract and show them to be completely unacceptable.

We cannot agree with you in the condition of exclusive rights as stated in Point #1 of your draft of the contract to distribute licenses in the sending out of the United States of America, Dominion of Canada and Republic of Mexico and for importation into the USSR.

We take upon ourselves only the customs formalities and the carrying out of the clearance through the customs of parcels sent by you to the USSR. Such is only the subject of ours and your contract. Because, neither in the essence nor formally in your treatment of the subject of the contract can it be accepted by us.

Moreover, the experience of the operations of your latourist with your firm in licensed parcels, and the profit realized on the parcels attests to the inadmissibility of giving a monopolistic right to one firm.

We consider that your proposal in Point #1 for a 5 year term of contract is too lengthy and therefore unacceptable.

With reference to Point #3 of your contract we insist on the establishment of your responsibility for observing the regulations regarding the contents of the parcels, the weight of the parcels, the packing, the shipping, the addressing.

4. Point #4 of your draft cannot be included in the contract as the list of objects permitted for importation is fixed by a special decree and not by an agreement.

5. In Point #7 of your draft we cannot agree with your clause that the Brutto weight of the parcels depends on the Regulations of the International Postal Convention. We can handle the formalities of parcels whose weight is not above 5 Kilos Brutto.

6. Your Point #14 of the draft shows itself to be completely unacceptable. Everything that is done by you in the way of publicity and advertising must be in accordance with "Intourist" or with instructions by it in person.

7. Point #15 of your draft we consider unacceptable and we propose to stick to our text.

8. We insist on the binding inclusion in the contract of the insertion of your perpetually guaranteed advance to "Intourist" in the sum of \$5,000 American Dollars.

~~Since then~~ In conclusion we should like to inform you that we have tentatively studied your draft of the contract and we have gone out of our way to consider the alterations proposed in your draft, and where we found it possible to include these you will see in the additions made the body of text.

Together, at the same time, we are obliged to inform you that the nonacceptance by you of the altered draft of our contract will necessitate on our part the discontinuance of business relations with your firm for the parcels operations as of November 1st, 1948.

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CLARK, CARR & KILLIS
120 Broadway
New York City

September 27, 1946

Nathan R. Elliff
Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This will have reference to the conversation between Mr. John H. Reynolds, Miss Elisabeth R. Bentley and Mr. Hinner and his associates last Wednesday, September 25, 1946, relative to the registration of U.S. Service & Shipping Corporation under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. It will be the purpose of this to outline the organization and activities of the corporation with a view of determining whether such registration is necessary.

The corporation is a New York corporation, organized February 19, 1941. A copy of the certificate of incorporation is enclosed. The corporation commenced business in March, 1941, under contract with the U.S.S.R. Travel Agency, Intourist for the exclusive license for shipment to and importation into the U.S.S.R. of articles of merchandise purchased at retail in the United States, Canada, or Mexico for the personal use of individual residents of the U.S.S.R. This was based on an exchange of radiograms and the sending to Intourist of a contract, copies of which are enclosed. The arrangement has been renewed and extended from time to time since, without substantial changes. The current extension runs to October 31, 1946, and negotiations are currently pending as to the terms of a further contract, a proposed form of which was left with your office.

The actual operation of the business is to receive parcels, through agents or subagents, addressed to individuals in the U.S.S.R. The purchase price is verified by sales receipts to determine the U.S.S.R. customs valuation upon the articles shipped. The Soviet charges collected are:

1. Soviet duty
2. Soviet customs inspection fee
3. Intourist 10% handling fee
4. Intourist license fee
5. Soviet 1% fee

Such charges together with the corporation's service charges are paid by the sender. The amount of duty, customs inspection fee and the other Intourist charges are remitted to Intourist. Until April 1946, these parcels were shipped by freight after being crated, but at the present time the shipments are made by parcel post. The character of the shipments is principally small retail purchases of clothing, food, etc. Since May 1946, also, shipments have been

accepted of used clothing, in which case the second-hand retail value as appraised by the company is the basis of Soviet customs valuation.

John H. Reynolds is President, and Elizabeth T. Bentley is Vice President and Secretary, and they have been such since the corporation was organized. Mrs. Grace F. Reynolds has been a Vice President since 1942. Mr. Edward L. Bradfield became Treasurer in September 1946, succeeding Mr. Reynolds in that office. All of the foregoing are native Americans.

Mr. Reynolds is the sole stockholder and at no time has any other person had any beneficial interest therein.

The corporation has no activity other than the foregoing and has nothing to do with the importation of articles from the U.S.S.R.

In conference a request was made for amplification of the status of Intourist. To the best of our knowledge, this is an agency of the U.S.S.R. Foreign Trade Commissariat in charge of travel to the U.S.S.R. and the import of private and civilian goods into the U.S.S.R.

The present volume of shipments is approximately 3,500 parcels a month of a value generally ranging from \$5 to \$80. Monthly remittances to Intourist for all fees, duties and charges are at the present time from \$40,000 to \$70,000 a month.

Application was made to the State Department March 25, 1941, for registration under the act and the application was returned as indicating that registration was not appropriate as the corporation was engaged in furtherance of bona fide trade and commerce. In 1942 a ruling was requested from the Department of Justice in the necessity of registration, and a ruling was received under date of August 14, 1942, that it was not, based principally on the exemption applying to the government, the defense of which the President deems vital to the defense of the United States. It would appear that this ruling may be obsolete at the present time.

Mr. Reynolds has asked us to say, and we fully agree with him in this, that if there is any substantial question of whether the corporation need register, we would prefer to do so.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

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Via RCA

SEPTEMBER 30 1946

CORREY
INTOURIST
MOSCOW

WE AND OUR LEGAL COUNSEL HAVE MADE A COMPLETE STUDY OF YOUR DRAFT CONTRACT AND ACCOMPANYING LETTER NUMBER 890233 BOTH DATED AUGUST FIFTH 1946 STOP THE GENERAL FORM AND WORDING OF YOUR DRAFT OF THE CONTRACT ARE ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE FOR IMMEDIATE SIGNING BY USERNVCOMP STOP HOWEVER YOUR ACCOMPANYING LETTER NUMBER 890233 STATES IN PARAGRAPH ONE THAT AFTER FIVE YEARS OF PARCEL OPERATIONS YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW FROM USERNVCOMP THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO LICENSE THE SHIPMENT OF PARCELS FROM THE UNITED STATES CANADA AND MEXICO TO THE USSR AND TO COLLECT THE SOVIET DUTIES AND CHARGES THEREON STOP THIS IS ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE TO USERNVCOMP STOP OUR EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF PARCEL OPERATIONS HAS PROVEN CONCLUSIVELY THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION ARE SERVED WHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LICENSING OF PARCELS AND THE COLLECTION OF SOVIET DUTIES AND CHARGES THEREON IS PLACED ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF ONE REPUTABLE CORPORATION STOP USERNVCOMP'S RECORD OVER THESE YEARS BOTH IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAS PROVEN WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT IT IS A CORPORATION OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY STOP DURING THE WAR YEARS SOONER DESPITE ALL

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SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES AND VERY HEAVY FINANCIAL LOSSES COME WE CONTINUED PARCEL
OPERATIONS STOP NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER AND SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES HAVE DIMINISHED
WE HAVE BEGUN AN EXTENSIVE EXPANSION PROGRAM COME THE RESULTS OF WHICH ARE ALREADY
REFLECTED IN THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS SENT YOU FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS WHICH SHOW
GREAT INCREASES STOP IF YOU GIVE US FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LICENSING
OF PARCELS AND THE COLLECTION OF SOVIET DUTIES AND CHARGES THEREON WE ARE CONFIDENT
THAT THE BUSINESS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND AT A VERY RAPID RATE STOP IF YOU FEEL THAT
THE INTERESTS OF THE PARCEL SHIPPERS IN CANADA AND MEXICO COULD BE BETTER SERVED BY
AGENCIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHO WOULD BE IN DIRECT CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU
WE WOULD BE WILLING TO RELINQUISH ALL RIGHT TO OPERATE IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES STOP
HOWEVER IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR USERVCOF TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
UNLESS WE REMAIN THE SOLE AGENCY IN THIS COUNTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSING OF PARCEL
SHIPMENTS TO THE USER AND FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOVIET DUTIES AND CHARGES THEREON STOP
SHOULD YOU DECIDE AGAINST GIVING USERVCOF SUCH SOLE AGENCY WE SHALL DISCONTINUE PARCEL
OPERATIONS AS OF OCTOBER 31 1946 IN CONFORMITY WITH YOUR LETTER NUMBER 890233 OF AUGUST
FIFTH 1946 STOP PLEASE ANSWER BY CABLE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE IN ORDER THAT OUR
AGENTS AND CLIENTS MAY BE DULY NOTIFIED

REYNOLDS PRESIDENT
USERVCOF

IF FULL-RATE MESSAGE UNLESS MARKED OTHERWISE

Sender's Name and Address

(to be transmitted)

McB. Service & Shipping Corps

222 Fifth Ave., New York 20, N.Y.